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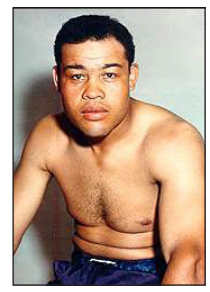

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Historic joint signing for sanctuary support to take place at Genesis

Ken Wachsberger, special to the WJN

An historic event is taking place at the building shared by Temple Beth Emeth (TBE) and St. Clare of Assisi Episcopal Church (STC). On Wednesday June 13, the president of TBE, the senior warden of STC, and the president of Genesis will come together to publicly sign a joint declaration of support for the nationwide Sanctuary movement. An opening prayer by TBE Rabbi Josh Whinston and a closing prayer by Reverend James C Rhodenhiser Jr. will frame the event. The event, which begins at 6:30 p.m., is co-sponsored by Genesis and Washtenaw Congregational Sanctuary.

Genesis is the corporation that was set up between the two congregations in 1976 to operate and maintain the building. The creation of Genesis became the first known instance in the country of two congregations of different faiths co-owning and operating the same building. At the event, they will officially sign the first joint declaration of support for the Sanctuary movement.

Washtenaw Congregational Sanctuary is the interfaith coalition of congregations and individuals throughout Washtenaw County that came together to support immigrants and their families in the local community in response to harsh, unjust activities of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) in the community.

The event will be emceed by Mary Anne Perrone, a member of the leadership team of Washtenaw Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Rights (WICIR) and co-founder of WCS.

The achievement is the result of a year-long campaign led by the TBE-STC Joint Sanctuary Committee to educate both congregations about the urgency of supporting the movement.

According to Shoshana Mandel, chair of the TBE Social Action Committee (SAC):

For the past year, SAC has been working on and then collaborating with STC to formulate a Sanctuary Motion and declaration of our commitment to the Sanctuary effort. We have hosted numerous educational events on this and related topics. And we have arrived! So many people have volunteered their time, effort, passion, and love for justice into this effort.

A reception hosted by a joint committee from Temple Beth Emeth, St. Clare, and Washtenaw Congregational Sanctuary will follow the signing.

Everyone is welcome to attend this public event to witness and celebrate the historic signing and share the feast of solidarity and justice.

For more information, contact Ken Wachsberger at ken@azenphonypress.com or (734) 635 0577. ■

AAOM and Michigan Hillel welcome new rabbi

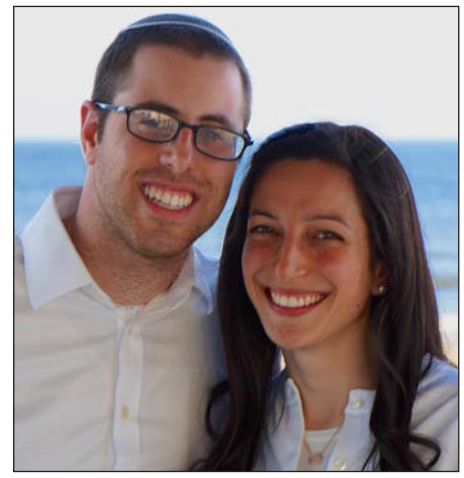
Michael Weiss, special to the WJN

After 35 years under the leadership of retiring Rabbi Rod Glogower, Michigan Hillel and the Ann Arbor Orthodox Minyan are preparing this summer to welcome Rabbi Jared Anstandig to the new leadership role of rabbi of the Ann Arbor Orthodox Community.

A native of West Bloomfield, Rabbi Anstandig was ordained at Yeshiva University, where he also earned degrees in Judaic Studies and Biblical Studies. Prior to coming to Ann Arbor, he completed rabbinic internships at the Lincoln Square Synagogue in New York, Kesher Israel in Washington, DC, and Congregation Shaare Tefilah in New Jersey, and taught in the Upper School at Ramaz, a co-educational Modern Orthodox day school in Manhattan.

"As someone who grew up in Metro Detroit, coming back to Michigan really feels like coming home," said Rabbi Anstandig. "In high school I always thought of Ann Arbor and the University of Michigan as very special places, and it's very exciting to become part of this wonderful community."

In his new position, which begins in July, Rabbi Anstandig will work through Michigan Hillel, leading both the AAOM and the student Orthodox community, which hold joint services throughout the year in the Hillel building.



Rabbi Jared Anstandig and wife Sarit

"Ann Arbor has a small but really unique and strong Orthodox community, and I'm looking forward to being in a community where I can have a real impact," said Rabbi Anstandig. "I want not only to bring more people to the shul, but also to bring more shul to the people — to listen to what the community needs and wants, and to help the mMnyan to meet those needs."

Monica Rosen, representing the AAOM, and Tilly Shames, representing Michigan Hillel, co-led an extensive search process. Rosen noted, "The search committee received dozens of applications and interviewed numerous candidates prior to making our recommendation to the board. Rabbi Anstandig possesses all of the qualities we were looking for in a rabbinic leader — he is kind, extremely knowledgeable, and very personable. We are looking forward to watching his achievements in the years to come."

Tilly Shames, executive director of Michigan Hillel, said "We are very excited to have Rabbi Anstandig join our staff team and be a resource for our Orthodox student community. It is a pleasure to watch him interact with students, showing a deep interest in their experiences on campus and thoughtful understanding of their needs as

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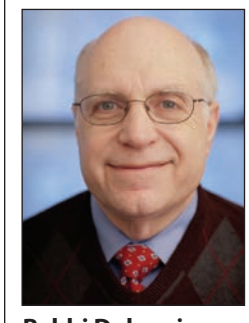
Beth Israel to honor Rabbi Dobrusin on his retirement

Elliot Sorkin, special to the WJN

Rabbi Robert Dobrusin, noted for his wisdom, humor, and warmth, is retiring from Beth Israel Congregation after 30 years of dedicated service. The congregation is planning a gala evening at Beth Israel on Sunday, June 24, at 6:30 p.m., "Thanks for the Memories: A Tribute to Rabbi Robert Dobrusin."



Rabbi Dobrusin

Rabbi Dobrusin has served as rabbi at Beth Israel since 1988. He received his B.A. in Near Eastern and Judaic Studies from Brandeis University and an M.A. and rabbinic ordination from the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. In 2010, he received an honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree from JTS. In 2015, Rabbi Dobrusin was named one of the 33 most inspiring rabbis in America by *The*

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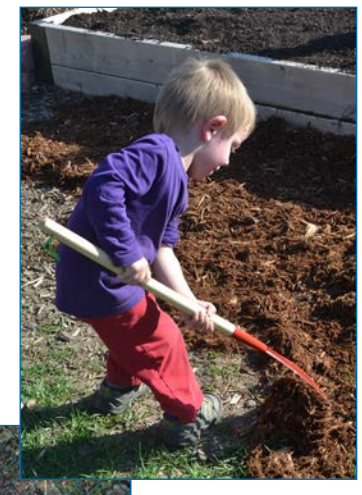
Many hands make light work at ECC

Peretz Hirshbein, special to the WJN

On the first evening of May, families and teachers of the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor's Early Childhood Center (ECC) teamed up for the third annual Garden Work Night. Garden Work Night is a time when the early childhood garden is renewed in preparation for the seeds and seedlings that will be planted in the coming weeks. Parents and teachers add new compost to the garden beds, spread mulch around the garden's border, and fill the car tire flower planters with compost. The start of the growing season is a time for celebration at the ECC. As Giraffe Room teacher Rhonda Smiley says, "The garden is a highlight of our program. It is always so interesting to see how the children will interact with it."

In past years, these tasks have taken about 90 minutes, since seven cubic yards of material takes a long time to spread. This year, however, the tasks were all complete in twenty minutes! This speed is reflected in the growing popularity of the early childhood garden. In 2016, five families volunteered to come to Garden Work Night. In 2017, the number doubled, to ten families. This year, 23 families came out to lend a hand with the garden. Head Teacher Michelle Paris, said of the turnout, "This was the biggest turnout we've had in three years of garden work nights. We are so lucky that our parents love and support our garden."



Why did so many families take time out from their evening to help? Anne and Christian Casper explain the enthusiasm for the event saying, "We love working in the ECC garden every year. It's a fun way to meet other parents, and of course the kids have a great time moving dirt and mulch. It is also so nice to be able to do something tangible for the ECC that we can see being used throughout the summer." ECC parent Jennifer King says, "We definitely felt helping out was important because Ariya benefits from your garden all year! She's been affectionately nicknamed "garden girl" by her teachers, since the garden is typically her first stop during outdoor time. She loves her veggies and encourages others to try green things. Those habits are also seen at home; she has sampled neighborhood garden tomatoes on her walk to Esch Park!"

Garden Work Night was spearheaded by teachers Paris and Smiley, as well as ECC Assistant Director Susan Horowitz, and Discover Catch Coordinator (and ECC parent), Nina Doigan. Together they recruited families, organized the tasks, arranged for delivery of the large amount of compost and mulch, and planned the menu for the picnic dinner that was served to the hungry and hard-working families. Doigan finds this work particularly fulfilling, saying "When someone asks me what I like about my job the most, my go-to answer every time is this idea of family. We all look different, speak many different languages, but we are a family. Tonight's Garden Work Night is just one shining example. Our garden is now ready for the season because the Ann Arbor JCC is a place where people want to take time out of their busy lives to enrich the lives of children and our community."

To find out more about the Early Childhood Center at the J, contact Director of Youth and Family Services Peretz Hirshbein at ecc@jccannarbor.org or (734) 971-0990. ■

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Chaverim B'Shirim celebrates its silver anniversary with gems of Jerome Kern

Deborah Meyers Greene, special to the WJN

Sunday afternoon on June 17, the audience will assemble in the Newman Lounge at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor. They will scan the program and murmur happily among

Nancy Hodge and Marilyn Krimm

themselves until Marilyn Krimm, founding director of Chaverim B'Shirim (Friends in Song), begins her opening remarks about the day's featured composer.

She then will signal almost imperceptibly to accompanist Nancy Hodge and Chaverim's Silver Anniversary performance will begin. For a little over an hour, the lounge will thrum with the "Gems of Jerome" Kern, musical giant of Broadway and film from 1912 to 1945.

In the fall of 1993, Krimm recruited musical friends and compatriots, some pros, others not—volunteers, all—to join in her mission to bring non-liturgical music of Jewish composers to the attention of the public. "Without them, there would be no Broadway," said Krimm.

Chaverim's first concert was at Beth Israel Congregation in 1995. The repertoire ranged from Leonard Bernstein's "Chichester Psalms" to Jane Roman Pitt's "Cantata: I Am of Sarah," with orchestral accompaniment. The JCC atrium reverberated with Chaverim's song the following year, and JCC has been home ever since.

In addition to Kern, Chaverim has presented concerts dedicated to the works of dozens of Jewish composers, from the Renaissance with Salomone de Rossi, to Broadway with Bernstein, Irving Berlin, and Frank Loesser, Kurt Weill, and Stephen Sondheim, George and Ira Gershwin, Alan Jay Lerner and Fritz Loewe, Jerry Bock and Sheldon Harnick, and Marvin Hamlisch.

"We occasionally perform in Yiddish," said Lily Ladin, longstanding Chaverimer who collaborates with Krimm to provide Yiddishe coaching to the group. Yiddish-language performances have included individual pieces as well as substantial works such as "Die Megille" and "Yiddisher Pinafore," which Krimm and Ladin translated and adapted to Gilbert and Sullivan's music.

"Chaverim B'Shirim provides me with a life-enriching experience, thanks to the generosity and teaching expertise of Marilyn Krimm, enhanced by Nancy Hodge's unique piano sensitivity and supplemented by the group's camaraderie," said Ladin. "Over our many years together we have become true Chaverim B'Shirim, friends in song."

"Marilyn Krimm teaches us songs that are heart-felt, joyful, and cause us to replay them in our own voices forever," said Chaverimer Jeff Pickell.

"And we appreciate and support the wonder of performance," agreed founding Chaverimer Sue Rebner. "We even staged one concert as a cabaret, with high tables set up among the audience. We walked, from one to the other, as we sang solos or in groupings."

"We have fun, and our audiences do, too," says Krimm, who recently celebrated her arrival among the auspicious ranks of nonagenarians. "I take joy in letting people know about these great Jewish musical geniuses—more than half of whom had fathers who were cantors."

Music has always been a joyful outlet for Krimm, who was director of the choir in her Sunday school, beginning at age 10. A New York City girl born and raised and alumna of Brooklyn College, Krimm moved to Ann Arbor where her husband Samuel Krimm accepted a faculty appointment to the University of Michigan, and she received the Doctor of Musical Arts in vocal performance. Together, the Krimms soon will celebrate their 69th anniversary.

Over the years with Chaverim, the thing that stands out most is, "how much really good music we have discovered and enjoyed learning together," said Krimm. "People who would like to join us are welcome to sing 'Happy Birthday' to me on the phone."

"I was hesitant to sing in public," said Chaverimer Nancy Kerner. "Marilyn Krimm provided the expertise to address my vocal concerns that others had not and introduced me to the supportive environment of Chaverim B'Shirim and the caring expertise of pianist Nancy Hodge. These experiences enhance my enjoyment and quality of life."

All Chaverim B'Shirim concerts are presented free of charge, but donations appreciated, and the audience is invited to schmooze with Chaverim members and partake in tasty comestibles at the post-concert reception. Chaverim also reprises most of its

Hadassah resale program

Judy Williams, special to the WJN

Throughout the year, Hadassah collects women's clothing and household items. Volunteers bring them them to re-sale consignment shops to raise money for worthwhile Hadassah programs.

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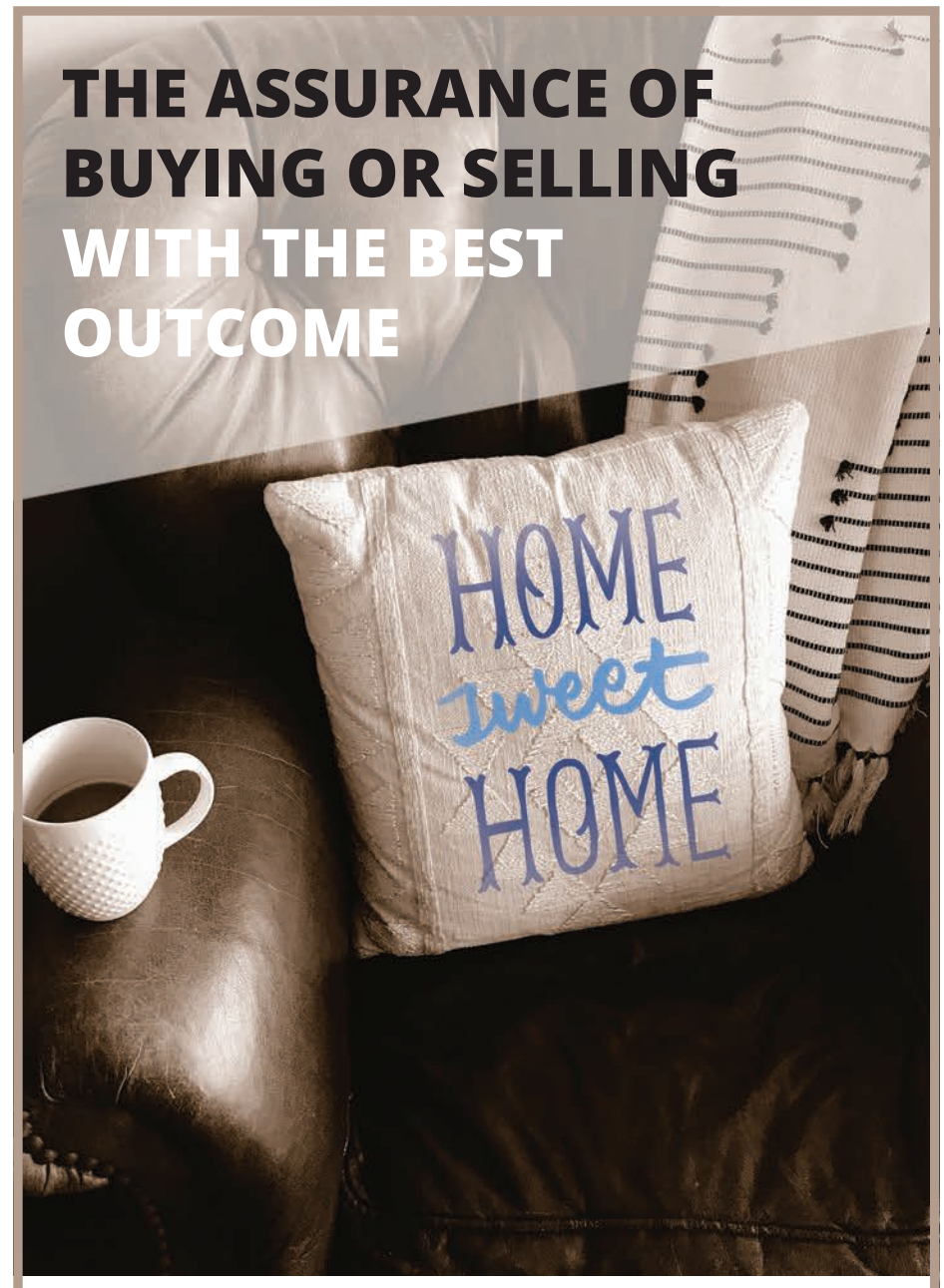
Wanted items include dishes, glassware, linens, polished metalware, electrical appliances (in working order). Hadassah cannot accept telephones or electronic devices (such as computers or printers). Hadassah appreciates your donations. To schedule your pick-up appointment, email Judy Williams (naugwarren@aol.com).



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Announcing the 2018–2019 Frankel Institute Fellows

Kelsey Robinette, special to the WJN

Before the contemporary period, the Jews of Sepharad (Iberia) were regularly depicted—and regularly depicted themselves—as part of a unique and exclusive group, more distinguished than the Jews of other lands. What are the origins of this traditional claim to Sephardic uniqueness? How were traditional claims enhanced or altered by the decline in Jewish-Christian relations in the Christian kingdoms of Iberia in the later Middle Ages and by the eventual expulsion of the Sephardim, first from the Spanish kingdoms in 1492 and then from Portugal in 1496?

Ryan Szpiech

The answers to these and many other fascinating questions will be explored this fall, when a distinguished group of fellows of the Frankel Institute for Advanced Judaic Studies will gather around the theme of "Sephardic Identities: Medieval and Early Modern." They will be led by Head Fellow Ryan Szpiech, associate professor of Romance Languages and Literatures.

"The 2018–2019 Frankel Fellows make up an exciting group with an impressive record of scholarly achievement," explained Szpiech. "Their projects involve a broad range of fields including literature, social and legal history, philosophy, and religious studies. Working across diverse fields and languages, these projects study a wealth of written sources relating to Sephardic identity. Our fellows will be examining material from the Cairo Genizah, philosophy and literature related to Sephardic "exceptionalism," religious polemics with Christian and Muslim populations in Iberia, Portuguese writing about Sephardic identity after 1492, and various other texts revealing how medieval and early modern Sephardic Jews perceived themselves and how they were characterized by others."

After writing his first book on narratives of conversion between Judaism, Christianity, and Islam in medieval Iberia, Szpiech came to propose this topic through his ongoing interest in the question of local identity in the Middle Ages, at a time before the rise of nation states and the standardization of modern languages. Currently completing a project on medieval translation movements and their relation to genealogy, Szpiech is exploring the foundations of identity in different religious communities.

The Frankel Institute for Advanced Judaic Studies at the University of Michigan provides annual fellowships for scholars and artists from around the world to conduct research in relation to a given theme. Established through a generous financial contribution from the Jean and Samuel Frankel Jewish Heritage Foundation, the Frankel Institute is the only one of its kind at a public university in the United States. The Institute is committed to interdisciplinary, multilingual work spanning ancient times through the contemporary era. By combining intellectual autonomy with the ideal of a scholarly community, it offers global leadership in Jewish Studies.

The 2018–19 Frankel fellows and their fields of research are:

- Ilil Baum, Bar-Ilan University, "The Knowledge of Arabic among the Jews of the Crown of Aragon: Late Medieval Jewish Multilingualism as a Marker of an Elitist Culture"
- Ross Brann, Cornell University, "Andalusi and Sefardi Exceptionalism"
- Monica Aparicio Colominas, Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, "Sephardic Exceptionalism in the anti-Jewish Polemics of Medieval Iberian Muslims"
- Brian Hamm, University of Central Florida, "Being 'Portuguese' at the Diasporic Margins"
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- Maya Irish, Rice University, "Sephardic Exceptionalism and the Castilian Jewish Elites"
- Martin Jacobs, Washington University (St. Louis), "Constantinople vs. Tenochtitlán: Imperial Expansion through a Post-Expulsion Sephardic Lens"
- Ehud Krinis, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, "'Duties of the Heart' and the 'Kuzari' as Two Alternative Systematic Responses to the Hardships of the Jewish Communal life in al-Andalus"
- Devi Mays, University of Michigan, "The Sephardi Connection: Ottoman Jews, the Opium Trade, and the Aftereffects of Empire"
- Sarah Pearce, New York University, "In the Taifa Kingdoms: The Medieval Poetics of Modern Nationalism"
- Vaselios Syros, University of Jyväskylä (Finland), "Visions of History and Sephardic Identities: Medieval and Early Modern Perspectives"
- Ryan Szpiech, University of Michigan, "He is Still Israel? Conversion and Sephardic Identity before and after 1391"
- Moshe Yagur, University of Haifa, "Who was a 'Sepharadi'? A view from the Cairo Geniza" ■

JCLP celebrates end of year with commencement and graduation

Paige Walker, special to the WJN

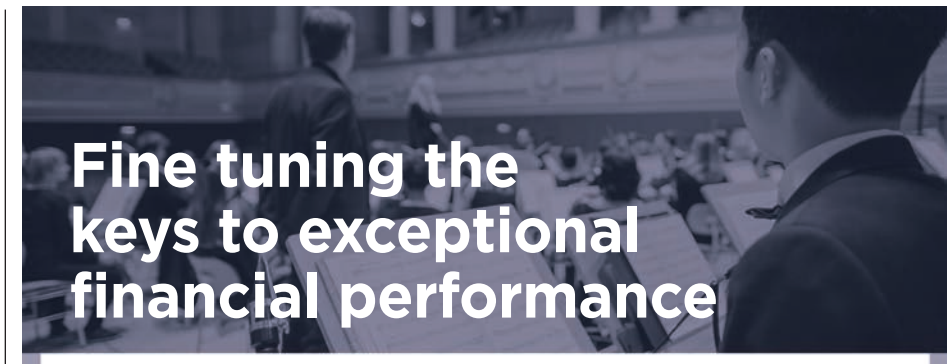
On Sunday, April 29, the University of Michigan Jewish Communal Leadership Program (JCLP) wrapped up a robust and phenomenal year full of engaging conversations, meaningful community programs, and illuminating co-curricular activities with their graduation ceremony celebrating the seventh graduating class. The Class of 2018 invited Aliza Kline, executive director of OneTable in New York City, to deliver keynote remarks Sunday morning. Kline began with, "I am so glad to be here. I believe, with every fibre of my being, that the skills you have cultivated here at the Jewish Communal Leadership Program will serve you throughout your life and career." Her passionate speech referenced key thinkers and thought leaders for Kline, including meaningful words from Sylvia Bornstein, Elie Wiesel, and Brene Brown. Kline urged the seven members of the Class of 2018, as well as the rest of the audience, to channel empathy and compassion – that, "Easing pain can be one of our tenets in creating a loving, safe and vibrant Jewish community. Before we can ease it, we have to see it. And once we do see it, avoid negating it."

In addition to remarks from School of Social Work Dean Lynn Videka, Frankel Center Graduate Student Director and Professor Julian Levinson, and JCLP Director and Professor Karla Goldman, each member of JCLP Class of 2018 delivered a short speech. Speeches focused on a variety of topics but all were genuinely thoughtful, reflecting on their time in the program and thank the cohort and communities that helped them get to this point in their professional and personal development.

Class of 2018 with keynote speaker, Aliza Kline (Left to right): Eli Zucker, Leah Josephson, Ilana Soumehkian, Erica Golden, Jacob Ehrlich, Essie Shachar-Hill, Alana Goldstein, and Aliza Kilne

JEWISH COMMUNAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

The Class of 2018 is off to a variety of post-graduate experiences. Ilana Soumehkian and Eli Zucker are moving to Seattle. Erica Golden is excited to return to her home state of Florida for a position as the Youth Engagement Director at Temple Beth Am in Pinecrest, Florida. Essie Shachar-Hill returns to Keshet, a nonprofit that works for full LGBTQ inclusion in Jewish life, where they interned last summer, as the Midwest Education and Training manager in Chicago. Two graduates will be staying in the area: Leah Josephson plans to continue to help organizations measure and communicate their impact as part of the recently established Emergence Collective, a capacity building consultancy she founded with a group of former and recent Michigan graduates. Jacob Ehrlich will be moving to Detroit, working as a Program Coordinator for Congregation T'chiyah and as a Music Enrichment Specialist at Jewish Hospice and Chaplaincy Network. The faculty and staff of JCLP send their best wishes to the graduates and thank all who were able to share in the special day. ■



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Jewish Family Services celebrates 25 years with gala event

Laurie Cohen, special to the WJN

Over 300 people attended the JFS 25th Anniversary Celebration, "Recipe for Humanity: An International Fair" in May at the Alfred A. Taubman Biomedical Research Building at University of Michigan. "We celebrated the vision, passion, professionalism and the endless kindness of all who have helped JFS grow from dream to reality, from serving kind individuals came forward and Jewish Family Services of Washtenaw County was born. We are very proud to have grown over the past 25 years, from providing services to a few hundred people to serving over 10,000 community members per year."

The program was emceed by Ken Fischer, president emeritus of University Musical Society, who said, "JFS is about people. Academic Service-Learning created and directed a theatrical performance based on intimate JFS client stories. A video showcased the past, present, and future of JFS.

Mark Hetfield, president and CEO of HIAS, provided insight into the refugee crisis around the world. After the program, a strolling reception began in the Omenn Atrium where guests enjoyed a variety of community face? What new, unknown needs will our clients and our staff confront? We must plan now and be fortified to meet each new opportunity," said Margolis.

Herbert explained the campaign, "Our hope is that the annual contributions, which are needed for operating purposes would continue and hopefully grow as the budget increases – this translates into delivery of

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Susan Fisher, JFS Board president with Ken Fischer, celebrity emcee

(l-r) Mike Kofsky, Board member; Naomi Woloshin vice president; Susan Fisher, president; Anya Abramzon, executive director; Margie Checkoway, vice president; and Elina Zilberberg, associate director

L-R, Julia Kessler-Hollar, Geriatric Services manager and Jessica Allen, Geriatric Services case manager show off the Older Adult program at the JFS Expo

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JFS guests included (l-r) Carol Amster, Leslie Bash, Mike Levine, Stephen Aronson, Philip Margolis and Bernie Banet

immediate needs to serving the entire community," said Susan Fisher, JFS Board president. "We wanted to bring everyone to the table to celebrate this momentous juncture in the history of JFS. Our dedicated planning committee worked diligently to make this a wonderful community celebration. We are especially thankful for the hard work and dedication of our Honorary Chairs, Carol Amster, Debbie and John Dingell, and Mike Levine."

Anya Abramzon, JFS executive director, said, "Twenty-five years ago, the community came together and decided we needed an agency committed to responding to the social service needs of our most vulnerable and a group of the most wonderful, dedicated and Great organizations work with and through others to create more impact than they could ever achieve alone. Indeed, JFS has had far more impact than their mere size or structure would suggest. They share the love of what they do with as many people as possible. They let them know what it means to the organization to be having this rich opportunity to serve."

Rabbi Robert Dobrusin from Beth Israel Congregation and Rabbi Josh Whinston of Temple Beth Emeth gave the invocation. community rabbis, as well as past and present Advisory Council and board members, were recognized for their dedication to JFS' mission over the past 25 years. Jessica 'Decky' Alexander, EMU's director of the Office of international foods from local restaurants Agave, Amanda's Kitchen, Blue Nile, El Harissa, Ginger Deli, Haifa Falafel, Heidelberg, Siris BBQ, and Zingerman's Roadhouse. In addition to the multicultural array of food, guests had the opportunity to enjoy chocolate and wine tastings, provided by Schakolad and Morgan & York. The Neil Alexander Klezmer Fusion band provided some lively sounds as attendees mingled and walked through the JFS expos.

Protecting Our Future, JFS' new, five-year campaign, was announced by two of the eight campaign co-chairs, Nancy Margolis and Norman Herbert. "As we celebrate our past 25 years, we also look forward to the next 25 years. What challenges will our more services to those in need. Mounting this Campaign at this time is to provide for an operating reserve would result in commitments that would be paid for over a period that could last 5 years. This is to recognize the request for incremental support to build the operating reserve."

JFS is a high impact organization influencing business practices, building corporate partnerships, developing earned-income ventures, and building their reserves — all ways of leveraging market forces to achieve social change on a grander scale. "During the next 25 years, we will continue to create solutions, promote dignity and inspire humanity," said Abramzon. ■

JFS uses variety of strategies to deal with loss of funds

Laurie Cohen, special to the WJN

For the past 25 years, Jewish Family Services has provided needed services to the most vulnerable people in Washtenaw County. JFS, like other non-profit organizations, depends on federal, state and local grants to continue to offer services. Funders receive more requests than they can fund in a fiscal year and requests far exceed available dollars. Due to changing funding priorities and growing demand, JFS has lost over $300,000 in grant funding this year for a number of important programs and services. This is not a reflection on the value of the programs or the importance of services.

Loss of these dollars has a direct impact on critical programs at JFS, including the JFS Specialty Food Pantry, Refugee Resettlement, Crisis Intervention Services, and Transportation. These important programs will not be going away; rather, funds will be redistributed and obtained through additional grants, donations and contracts. These services provide basic needs and cannot generate funds.

In 2017, over 7,000 people shopped at the JFS Specialty Food Pantry; this year $50,000 of direct pantry funds was lost due to budget cuts. The food pantry addresses food insecurity and is the only one in Washtenaw County that offers special ethnic foods as well as medical diet supplements needed to combat diabetes, heart disease, and hypertension. Loss of funding means less money to purchase needed food for medical diets, baby food, Kosher, Halel and nutritional items, among other necessities. This will result in less food being delivered to homebound older adults.

The global refugee resettlement landscape shifted in dramatic ways over the course of 2017. Notably, the current U.S. Administration began to step back from this role, admitting a fraction of the normal refugee flow—the lowest numbers in a decade. This translated into fewer refugee arrivals in Ann Arbor. This decrease in refugee arrivals significantly impacts JFS' existing Refugee Services Department. JFS provides wraparound services, transportation, case management and more for newly arrived refugees with services continuing for years.

"It's not how much or how little you have that makes you great or small, but how much or how little you accomplish with what you have."

- Rabbi Samson Raphael Hirsch

Crises happens to everyone, and intervention can take many forms. Crisis Intervention Services at JFS provides temporary support to individuals during a period of extreme distress and may include payment of electric bills, rent or counseling. Last year, JFS provided 179 people with financial assistance and crisis management services. Over $60,000 in critical funding was cut; funds that covered staff and resources to serve these critical needs.

By design, the Amster Center at JFS was developed as a revenue-generating business to reduce JFS' dependence on grant and foundation funding. The loss of transportation funding is being repaired with outside contracts. As an example, JFS contracts with the Ann Arbor Public Schools to provide buses to pick up homeless students. This provides revenue for transportation, but most clients are subsidized.

Services provided by JFS solve an immediate problem — feeding the hungry, welcoming the stranger, caring for the most vulnerable. These services provide additional long-term benefits to the entire community. JFS will continue to use a variety of strategies to deal with reduced funding. ■

Victory Day celebrated by JFS

Laurie Cohen, special to the WJN

Over 30 people from the JFS New Americans Club celebrated Victory Day with JFS. Victory Day is a holiday that commemorates the victory in WWII in 1945 and is celebrated on May 9 in the countries of the former Soviet Union. According to Marina Sarafian, JFS New Americans Club Coordinator, "It is one of the biggest holidays in the year. It has been a tradition to celebrate this holiday with the New Americans Club at JFS," said. "All throughout countries of former Soviet Union, military parades are held along with musical programs and fireworks celebrating the Victory and honoring veterans." JFS celebrated Victory Day at Weber's Restaurant and included food, and live entertainment.

The New Americans Club began as a support program for foreign-born older adults. "Every year, JFS puts together a special event to honor clients, who are WWII veterans as well as to honor the memory of clients and their loved ones, who sacrificed themselves for our liberty and who are no longer with us, "said Ms. Sarafian.

Thanks to generous sponsors ABA Home Care and Others First, JFS New Americans Club were able to celebrate Victory Day. Clients were provided free transportation to and from the event. ■

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*Forward*His essays and sermons have appeared in several anthologies and journals and he recently published a book entitled *The Long Way Around: Stories and Sermons from a Life's Journey*.

Rabbi Dobrusin is an active supporter of many different Jewish organizations and is a former co-chair of T'ruah: A Rabbinic Call For Human Rights. He is a founding member of the Interfaith Round Table of Washtenaw County and has served on the board of directors for several other community agencies.

Bob Carbeck, president of Beth Israel Congregation, said "It has been my honor and pleasure to work closely with Rabbi Dobrusin and to really get to know him. Over his 30 years as our rabbi, he has provided great leadership, insight, and compassion to our community in general and to Beth Israel in particular. We are forever grateful for his service."

The evening will include hors d'oeuvres and dessert. Community members who would like to be a part of this celebration are asked to contact the Beth Israel office at (734) 665-9897 or office@bethisrael-aa.org for an invitation. Sponsorships of the event are still available. ■

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students. We are looking forward to starting the next school year with Rabbi Anstandig on staff, furthering our outreach and impact on campus."

In addition to his other work, Rabbi Anstandig serves in the Chaplain Corps in the US Army Reserve. "Working and training with soldiers of all religious backgrounds has been an inspirational experience," Rabbi Anstandig said. "Just recently a casual question from a soldier about whether Jews practice 'tithing' led to a really rich and rewarding group conversation about the purpose of charity, how we all have a responsibility to help the needy, and how we can best meet that obligation."

"As I listened to these soldiers engaging with really important ethical and pragmatic issues, I thought, 'This is Talmud — this is its essence, right here," Rabbi Anstandig said.

Rabbi Anstandig's wife, Sarit Anstandig, is also an accomplished Jewish educator. A native of the East Coast, she is looking forward to exploring what Orthodox Jewish life is like in a smaller, more intimate community, and hopes to find a role in Jewish education and community service locally.

One of the most gratifying aspects of his new position, said Rabbi Anstandig, is the warm welcome he received from Rabbi Glogower, who will retire this summer. "He was the first person who called to congratulate me," said Rabbi Anstandig. "Rabbi Glogower is really both a brilliant scholar and a warm and thoughtful leader, and it's an honor to have the opportunity to continue the incredible work that he has done for this community."

"This has been an important year of evolution for the Minyan. We have been led for over 30 years by Rabbi Rod Glogower, who has left an indelible impression on scores of local families and generations of students," said AAOM President Marc Bernstein. "Both the AAOM and U-M Hillel are thrilled that Rabbi Anstandig and his wife Sarit will be joining our community, and look forward to the growth of the unique partnership we enjoy together."

Rabbi Anstandig's position at Michigan Hillel officially begins in mid-July, and he expects to begin his leadership of the AAOM the week of July 23. ■

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Summer activities for adults at the J

Rachael Hoffenblum, special to the WJN

This summer, the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor has many options to enjoy the warmer weather, build community, and enjoy the season. In addition to the listings below, the J continues of offer weekly Zumba classes and Israel Dancing, Amster Gallery exhibitions, concerts, and more. The three programs listed below are focused on the adults in the community. For more information on all of these and other adult programs, contact Rachael Hoffenblum, operations manager and adult program coordinator, at (734) 971-0990 or rachaelhoffenblum@jccannarbor.org.

Third Thursday @ the J focuses on community

Located just under an hour away, Detroit was once home to Michigan's largest Jewish community, namely Hastings Street. The Jewish Historical Society of Michigan will visit the JCC's Third Thursday program at noon on June 21, to discuss the beginning and growth of Detroit's Jewish community, as well as the opportunities and obstacles residents faced, in their presentation "From Hastings to Home: An Introduction to Detroit's Early Jewish History." On Thursday, July 19, Howard Lazarus, Ann Arbor's city administrator since 2016, will present a special talk entitled "One Community." The final summer Third Thursday presentation will take place Thursday, August 16, and when confirmed, the presenter will be listed at jccannarbor.org, where all updates on upcoming events can be found.

Howard Lazarus

All Third Thursday @ the J presentations take place at noon and are free of charge and open to the public. Advance registration is appreciated by visiting jccannarbor.org or calling (734) 971-0990. Participants are welcome to bring their own dairy, nut-free lunch or purchase a lunch from the J's Lunch Café. For those who wish to purchase lunch, all lunches must be reserved at least one day in advance. The Lunch Café menu, available online at jccannarbor.org, is catered by local chef, Karan Balmer. To learn more about Third Thursday @ the J or the weekly Tuesday/Thursday Lunch Café, contact Rachael Hoffenblum, adult program coordinator, at rachaelhoffenblum@jccannarbor.org or (734) 971-0990.

Cookout picnics at the J

The JCC's Lunch Café's summer cookout picnic series was so popular when introduced last year that it returns again this summer. At noon on the second Tuesday of the summer months the community is invited to enjoy the warm weather and a classic summer picnic outdoors on the front patio at the Ann Arbor JCC. The picnics will be hosted on June 12, July 10, and August 14. Advanced registration is requested and can be completed by visiting jccannarbor.org, where the Lunch Café menu can be found also.

2017 Summer Cookout picnic with Allan, Jesse and Esther

Annual blood drive at the J

The JCC is proud to once again partner with the Washtenaw County chapter of the American Red Cross to host a summer blood drive. There is generally a higher need for blood donations in the summer as regular donors go out of town, so this blood drive is crucial to keep supplies at a safe volume. The JCC has partnered with the Red Cross to host an annual blood drive since the summer of 2016. This year's blood drive will be held on Wednesday, July 11, from noon-6 p.m. While walk-ins are welcome, donations go more quickly for donors who have signed up in advance by visiting redcrossblood.org. Donors must use the sponsor code "JCC" when registering. ■

AAOM and Hillel celebrate Rabbi Rod and Nehama Glogower

Logan Wall, special to the WJN

On April 15, over 130 people gathered at the University of Michigan Hillel to celebrate the more than 30 years Rabbi Rod Glogower and his wife Nehama have spent leading the Ann Arbor Orthodox Minyan.

Rabbi Rod and Rebbetzin Nehama Glogower

Congregants, community members, current and former Hillel staff, and students from Rabbi Glogower's adult education classes came from throughout the Ann Arbor and Metro Detroit Jewish communities. They were joined by former congregants and Michigan alumni from across the country—and several who traveled from as far away as Jerusalem to be in attendance.

Toward the end of the evening, Nehama Glogower reflected on her arrival in Ann Arbor when she and her husband looked forward to building a small congregation according to their belief in *halakhic* observance that engages openly with the modern world. The event's other speakers testified to their successes.

U-M undergraduate Jonah Grant discussed the example set by Rabbi Glogower's humility. His talented teaching, Grant said, is rooted in the fact that he never puts his own voice before those of others.

Speaking on behalf of all the Glogower children, Dr. Abby Glogower described her parents' commitment to Jewish observance and intellectual curiosity as "a narrow path within a narrow path" comparable to that described by Rabbi Joseph Dov Soloveitchik in his book *The Lonely Man of Faith*.

Nuriel Klinger, a U-M alumnus and assistant rabbi at Young Israel of Scarsdale, New York, was the evening's featured speaker. In a powerful address, he explained how the teaching, kindness, and leadership of the Glogowers led him to become a rabbi. Rabbi Glogower, according to Klinger, is a contemporary version of Nahshon, the biblical figure whose faith and example as the first person to enter the Red Sea, a midrash teaches, allowed the waters to part.

Adam Soclof, who grew up attending the AAOM and is now director of marketing and communications for the Schusterman Foundation's Jewish Education Project, brought warmth and wit to his role as the evening's emcee. Other speakers included AAOM President Marc Bernstein; Hillel Executive Director Tilly Shames; and Dr. Susan Blitz, who returned from Israel to participate.

As guests walked to their cars at the program's end, they were warmed by memories and appreciation that the cold, April drizzle couldn't penetrate. The AAOM was proud to provide the community the opportunity to express their gratitude to the Glogowers as they embark on new adventures. ■

Rabbi Glogower receives a hug from his daughter and a standing ovation from the crowd following his remarks during the event.

Coming soon to Temple Beth Emeth

Nellie Stansbury, special to the WJN

Families with Young Children (FYC): Tot Shabbat Service

Fridays, June 1, 8, 15 and 29
Fridays, July 6, 13 and 20
Fridays, August 3, 10, 17 and 31
5:45 p.m. Tot (0–5 year olds) Shabbat Services with Rabbi Whinston and Cantor Hayut , 6:15 p.m. Dinner for Tot Shabbat, 6:45 p.m. Shira Service

All of your favorite songs led by TBE's tot team, Cantor Hayut and Rabbi Whinston.

Join in for macaroni and cheese, fish sticks, applesauce, and a salad bar immediately following the short service. Dinner is just $5 per person. Buy a punch card ahead of time for a discounted price. Punch cards are available in the TBE office.

Step Up Shabbat for 1–5 grades

Fridays, June 1, 8, 15 and 29
Fridays, July 6, 13 and 20
Fridays, August 3, 10, 17 and 31
5:45 p.m., TBE Chapel

TBE's new Shabbat experience for children in first through fifth grades that will take place parallel to Tot Shabbat. Rotating services led by Rabbi Josh Whinston, Cantor Regina Lambert-Hayut and Rabbi Daniel Alter.

Shabbat Achat: One Community Shabbat

Fridays , June 22, July, 27, and August 24
TBE Sanctuary, 6:30 p.m. Dinner for Shabbat Achat, 6 p.m.

One Shabbat is led by Rabbi Whinston and Cantor Hayut and is held on the fourth Friday of each month. Join in for macaroni and cheese, fish sticks, applesauce, and a salad bar immediately preceding the service. Dinner is just $5 per person. Buy a punch card ahead of time for a discounted price. Punch cards are available in the TBE office. Note the 6:30 p.m. start time for services on Shabbat Achat.

Weekly Lunch and Learn, Noon

Fridays, June 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29
TBE Adult Lounge

Rabbi Whinston meets on Fridays for an informal discussion about religion. Sessions are open to the entire community. Feel free to bring your lunch.

Torah Study, 8:50 a.m.

Saturdays, June 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30

Join in for this weekly discussion of the Torah portion led by Rabbi Whinston.

Women's Torah Study, 7 p.m.

Mondays, June 11 and 25, July 9, August 13

An in-depth study and lively discussion of the week's Torah portion led by Cantor Regina Hayut. The group will explore various passages from the portion looking at several translations and commentaries from a variety of scholars from Talmudic times to the modern day. No Hebrew knowledge necessary to participate in the discussion. For questions, contact Cantor Regina Hayut at cantorhayut@templebethemeth.org.

Shalom Gever/Jewish Karate

Fridays, June 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29
Fridays, July 6, 13, 20 and 27
Fridays, August 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31

Register today for health, healing and self-defense. Try out this unique martial arts instruction including lessons in how to live a healthy lifestyle, be energetic, do well in school and learn anti-bullying self-defense. 12-week semesters for belt advancement. Drop-in when schedules permit. Enrollment is open for students and adults. Shalom Gever is taught by Rabbi Peter Gluck, 5th Degree Black Belt and martial arts instructor for 21 years. Contact the Temple Beth Emeth office at (734) 665-4744 or Rabbi Gluck, info@shalomgever.org, for more registration information. Classes are held at 4 p.m.

WTBE Fiber Arts Group

Mondays, June 4 and 18,
Monday, July 2
Monday, August 6, 7–9 p.m., Offsite

Anyone interested in Fiber Arts (knitting, crocheting, and crafts) are welcome. The group will be contributing to the Israeli Peace quilt. (All materials for the project provided by WTBE.) Contact Bobbi Heilveil for details at (734) 276-5741 or bobbiheilveil@gmail.com.

Mitzvah Day/Sunday of Service

Sunday, June 3 | Programs Run 9:45 a.m.–3:15 p.m.

Join Temple Beth Emeth and St. Clare's Church for an in-reach opportunity inside our congregational spaces, and on our property at the Back Door Food Pantry (BDFP).

Enjoy a charity focused program for youth/young families, a delicious lunch, and an afternoon of activities from 12:15–3:15 pm.

Can't attend one of these events, but want to perform a Mitzvah?

TBE is conducting a food/toiletry drive for the BDFP that everyone can participate in.

Fill the Lucky Market bags (in the coat closet and the TBE/St. Clare's offices) with the items listed on the bag, and bring to the event on Sunday, June 3.

Questions? Contact Shoshana Mandel-Warner.

Brotherhood BBQ

Friday, June 15, 6 p.m.

All are welcome to a fun and casual backyard style cook-out before the Shabbat service, sponsored by TBE's Brotherhood. More details coming soon. Questions? Contact Bill Parkus. ■

Beth Israel summer activities

Elliot Sorkin, special to the WJN

Annual Congregation Meeting and Dessert Reception

Sunday, June 10, 7 p.m.

Beth Israel's Annual Congregation Meeting includes a dessert reception, the election of new Beth Israel board members and officers for the 2018–2019 membership year and their installation, the presentation of Honorable Menschen Awards to volunteers who have made a difference over the past year, and the approval of the budget for the coming fiscal year. Beth Israel's achievements over the past year will be marked, and goals for the upcoming year will be announced.

T-shirt and Baseball Cap Shabbat

Saturday, June 30, 9:30 a.m.

This is the Shabbat when both congregants and visitors are encouraged to wear a t-shirt (university/camp/vacation spot) along with one's favorite baseball cap. Coordinated t-shirt/baseball cap outfits are especially welcome. The service concludes with a hot dog and veggie dog kiddush.

Pizza picnic at Veteran's Memorial Park

Wednesday July 11, 5:45 p.m.

Beth Israel's doftball team will be playing at Veteran's Memorial Park Field Four on July 11. There will be pizza and pop to cheer on Beth Israel's softball team. Participates are invited to hang out in the bleachers, enjoy some pizza, and watch the game. RSVP to Sarah Klein at sklein@bethisrael-aa.org.

Bubbles, Bounce, Barbecue and Barchu

Friday July 13 5:30 pm (Activities) 6 p.m. Dinner

This is Beth Israel's first barbecue of the season. Diners will enjoy a grilled hamburger and hot dog dinner (veggie alternatives available), followed by an outdoor Friday evening service in Beth Israel's courtyard. Young and young-at-heart congregants will be able to have fun with bubbles and a bounce house starting at 5:30 p.m. The cost is $13 for adults, $9 for children ages four to ten, and children three and under are free. RSVP by to Beth at office@bethisrael-aa.org or register online at www.bethisrael-aa.org. Payment will be accepted before the meal.

Backyard Shabbats

Friday July 20 and August 10, 6 p. m.

Young Families are invited to enjoy a relaxing backyard Shabbat experience with a dairy dinner, pot luck side dishes, and desserts held at private homes. Interested families are asked to contact Sarah Klein at sklein@bethisrael-aa.org.

Pet Shabbat

Friday, August 3, 6 p.m.: A Celebration of our Pets, 6:30 p.m.: Courtyard Friday Eve Service

Pets are cordially invited to bring their owners to this unique event (doggie snacks are provided.) Followed by an outdoor Friday evening service on the courtyard.

Family Days at the Beth Israel Garden at County Farm Park

2230 Platt Rd., Ann Arbor, Sunday, June 10, July 29 and August 26, 10 a.m.–noon

All are welcome (with or without gardening experience, including children of all ages) to join Beth Israel for a morning at their garden. Participants will be picking fruits and vegetables, weeding, seeding, and cleaning. Beth Israel's Food and Faith garden is at Country Farm parks, where there is also a playground and walking trail. Meet at the entrance to the garden at 10 a.m. or find the Beth Israel garden by taking the first path up the hill on the left after entering the garden area. The majority of produce from the garden is donated to Food Gatherers of Washtenaw County.

"Never Long Enough" with Rabbi Joseph Krakoff

Sunday August 5, 7:45 p.m.

Beth Israel is excited to welcome Rabbi Joseph Krakoff, senior director of the Jewish Hospice and Chaplaincy Network to discuss his exceptional book *Never Long Enough.* This book is designed to be read along with someone nearing the end of life — or, it can be read by mourners after a death. Rabbi Krakopff and artist Dr. Michelle Sider crafted an interactive keepsake book for families and friends, complete with pages to add personal reflections thereby transforming the book into an individualized tribute to a loved one. Whenever this book is opened, it becomes an active invitation for conversation, lifting up memories and preserving the legacy of someone's life.

Rabbi Joseph H. Krakoff regularly offers seminars on a variety of spiritual topics with a particular focus on moral and ethical behavior, palliative and hospice care and end of life decision-making. This event is free of charge. RSVP to Sarah Klein at sklein@bethisrael-aa.org. His book will be available for purchase.

Shabbat in the Park

Friday August 17, 6 p.m.
County Farm Park (2230 Platt Rd., Ann Arbor)

It's time for Shabbat in the Park, Beth Israel's annual outdoor Kabbalat Shabbat service and potluck dinner at County Farm Park. Participants are asked to meet at 6:00 p.m. under the pavilions just inside the Platt Road park entrance. They are asked to bring a vegetarian (dairy or pareve) dish to share. Beth Israel will provide vegetarian lasagna, macaroni and cheese, drinks, and place settings, as well as grape juice for kiddush and challah for motzi. In case of inclement weather, the event will be moved to Beth Israel with the potluck held at the Gafunkel-Schteingart Activities Building at 2010 Washtenaw. Avenue.

The Ins and Outs of Medicare 2018 – presented by JFS

Sunday August 19, 7:30 p. m.

Seniors are invited to join Beth Israel and Jewish Family Services for an informational presentation for seniors about Medicare. JFS Staff will provide information on the new cards, fraud, open enrollment in the fall, insurance coverage, etc. Snacks and drinks will be provided. This event is free of charge. RSVP to Sarah Klein at sklein@bethisrael-aa.org.

Relaxation Shabbat with Barbecue and Barchu

Friday August 24, 6 p.m. Dinner, 6:45 p.m. Relaxation Options, 7:30 p.m. Friday Night Service

This evening allows participants to pause and reflect on the past week and kick back and relax for the night. Starting at 6 p.m. there will be a hamburger and hot dog dinner, followed by yoga, tai chi, meditation, and massages before the Kabbalat Shabbat services in the courtyard. The cost is $15 for adults, $10 for children ages four to ten, and children three and under are free. RSVP by to Beth at office@bethisrael-aa.org. Payment is accepted before the meal. ■

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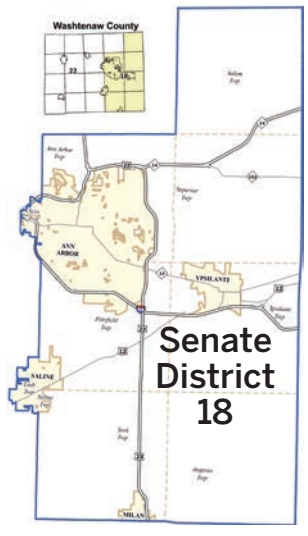

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Touring or spying?

Rabbi Aharon Goldstein, special to the WJN

The Shabbat of June 9, we read the Torah portion Shelach. This is the portion where Moses hand-picks a representative from each of the twelve tribes to scout the Land of Israel and bring back a report before they go and conquer it. Interestingly, at this time, Moses changed the name of one of the representatives from Hosheah to Yehoshua (Joshua in English) by adding the Hebrew letter "yud." This addition brought an element of God into his new name. Rashi says of this event, that Moses prayed that God should help him to complete his task in a proper manner with nothing negative coming out of the mission of scouting the land of Israel. This name change in order that Joshua should have an extra blessing for success from God hints to us that Moses might have had some sense that something negative was coming regarding this expedition and extra blessings might be required. This is somewhat odd because the Torah tells us explicitly that these twelve men were all righteous, upstanding leaders. So why did Moses have this suspicion of potential trouble from twelve righteous men to the point of feeling the necessity of adding additional blessing to Joshua's name?

Rabbi Aharon Goldstein

This question leads us to an even more essential question — that is; how could it be that these men who were hand-picked by Moses himself for their faith in God, could travel through the Holy Land for forty days and come back not only having lost their faith in God but even turning against God by telling the Jewish people that even with God on our side the inhabitants of the Land could not be defeated. How could this fall from faith have happened?

The key to answering the question is the word "tour" which the Torah uses to describe the mission of the twelve special men who were hand-picked by Moses for their faith and righteousness. Despite the common misconception, the Torah does not use the term "spy" the Land to describe the mission— it uses the term "tour" the Land.

So what's the difference between spying and touring?

Spies have to use their own wits and be very clever, creative, discreet, cunning and deceptive as to the true nature of their mission. The people of the area should not know what the spy is actually trying to do. A spy is actively deceiving and producing a false front to people while scheming all the while.

Juxtapose the above description with a person who is touring a land. They go into a land in an open, honest and direct manner. The people of the area know exactly what the tourist is trying to do. The tourist is more like a vessel, receiving the experience in a straightforward manner.

When Moses chose these men he did not tell them that their mission was to spy on the Land. He told them to simply go and look at the Land and report what they saw there. He did not want them to go as spies because as soon as one acts like a spy, one has to start being deceptive, judgmental, evaluating and making decisions on their own. With this process, one step leads to another and eventually entangles one in the distractions of the land and leads them to lose their faith in God.

Therefore, when Moses chose these twelve agents to go out and scout the Land, he perceived that they were viewing themselves more as spies than tourists. They were beginning to make plans to evaluate the Land and come to their own conclusions as to whether or not the Jewish people should try to conquer the Land. (Even though God had already told them that they were going to battle to conquer the Land.) This bothered Moses. Because he suspected that they might mix in their own ideas instead of doing what they were supposed to do, he immediately prayed for his devoted student Hosheah and changed his name to Yehoshua. This was so that God would protect him in order that he should not fall prey to the schemes of the other ten agents who eventually concluded that the Jews should not go into the Land of Israel.

So it is true that when Moses originally picked the twelve agents they were all appropriate, God-fearing and righteous. They did not have any plan to go against God's will. They did not have a plan to try to convince the Jewish people not to try to enter the Land of Israel. But they started to become egocentric and began to think that their intellect and evaluations and conclusions were more valid than God's will.

Furthermore, Moses represents truth (Emes in Hebrew). As the Rabbis tell us in the Talmud of Sanhedrin, when one speaks about Truth it is personified by Moses. Therefore, in order for a person to be a representative or emissary of Moses, that person also has to be "emes" or honest. As soon as the representatives of Moses veered off of being as truthful as Moses was they ceased being "tourists" and became "spies" and, therefore, lost the power that they acquired as Moses' representatives of "emes."

Of the twelve tribal representatives, only Joshua and Caleb stayed true to the mission that Moses gave them which was to simply observe the land and report the facts. Therefore, when they returned to Moses they only reported good things about the Land of Israel. This inspired the Jewish people to want to go forward into the Land. This adherence to the truth also allowed them to merit to enter the Land of Israel whereas the other ten, who veered away from the truth, did not merit to live in the Holy Land.

So from here we see the great importance of holding on to the truth and doing what God tells us to do in order to be successful. This answers the question of how the tribal leaders who were hand-picked by Moses could have so quickly lost their faith in God. It is because they veered away from the truth with one small variation and it led to a great blunder. This is a lesson for us, as well, in our day. A variation from God's plan for us which we determine for ourselves to be minor and acceptable can lead to major problems. ■

Farber family presents a gift… and a challenge

Gil Seinfeld, special to the WJN

Last month, the Hebrew Day School of Ann Arbor secured one of the largest donations in the school's 40-year history. The Jeffrey Farber Family Foundation and the David and Nanci Farber Family Foundation have jointly pledged a gift of $225,000 to HDS. The gift will support Hebrew Day School's variable tuition program, which helps assure the affordability of an HDS education. It will also support the school's efforts to meet the needs of all students through enrichment and remediation programs, resources for students with special needs, and programming focused on children's social, emotional, and spiritual development.

The Farber family, primarily through the William and Audrey Farber Family Foundation, has provided significant support for Jewish education and institutions across the metro-Detroit area, including Hillel Day School in Farmington Hills, Farber Hebrew Day School—Yeshivat Akiva in Southfield, and Temple Israel in West Bloomfield. The family has also been active in support of programming and resources for children and adults with special needs, most notably through the work of the Farber Soul Center in West Bloomfield, which houses an art gallery, art studio, and café in which individuals with special needs learn vocational skills and find opportunities to create and then showcase artwork.

"My father, Bill Farber z"l often said, 'A Jew is a Jew is a Jew,' which translated into support of Jewish education across denominations as well as efforts to make Jewish education accessible by all," said Jeff Farber. "Our family foundations focus on Jewish life in the Detroit metropolitan area, and we believe that a robust, inclusive day school in Ann Arbor is essential to the region."

"We are thrilled to have the support of the Farber family," said Jennifer Rosenberg, the Hebrew Day School's head of school, "especially in connection with two features of our work that are so closely tied to our institutional values and core mission."

"HDS has long been committed to guaranteeing that Jewish education is accessible to every family in the Ann Arbor area that desires it for their children," she said. "That means financial circumstances cannot get in the way. The generosity of the Farber Foundations will help us to continue living by that ideal."

"We also work especially hard to make sure that we reach every child in the school and help them all to learn and grow. Sometimes that means providing accommodations or assistive technologies for children with special needs; sometimes it means tailoring a unique curriculum or providing specialized instruction for students who are especially strong in one area or another. It always means focusing carefully and thoughtfully on the particular needs of each child and meeting them where they are. When it comes to educating young children, one size absolutely does not fit all. Right-sizing the education we offer to each individual student requires talented teachers and proper resources. This gift will help us secure both."

Lauren Katz, who is a parent of an HDS alumna and two current HDS students, expressed her enthusiasm about the Farber family's gift. "I have seen first-hand what a difference it makes to send your kids to a school that is institutionally committed to connecting with each child and addressing his or her particular needs and capacities. It's wonderful that the Farbers share that commitment and are giving so generously to advance that goal."

The $225,000 gift has been structured as a match, as the Foundations' leadership is hoping to galvanize the Ann Arbor Jewish community and Jewish communities across Southeast Michigan to support Hebrew Day School. With the matching funds, then, the school would raise a total of $450,000.

HDS's Board is already working hard to meet the Farbers' challenge. Greg Gafni-Pappas, Hebrew Day's board president, noted that the school has raised substantial funds toward the match through its Chad Gadya initiative, which asks donors to provide a gift to support tuition for "Just One Kid." Monies raised for Hebrew Day School through its upcoming joint fundraiser with the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor will also support the school's variable tuition program and will bring the school closer to securing the matching funds from the Farber Foundations.

"This is an exciting and important time for us," Rosenberg said. "HDS has been a part of the Jewish communal landscape in Ann Arbor for a long time, and the Farbers' generosity will enable us to continue in our mission to make sure that excellent, individualized Jewish education is accessible to any family in our community that wants it. The Farbers' commitment to Jewish education is inspiring, and I'm so proud and pleased that they've chosen to partner with us." ■

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The story of boxer Joe Louis and my family

by San Slomovits

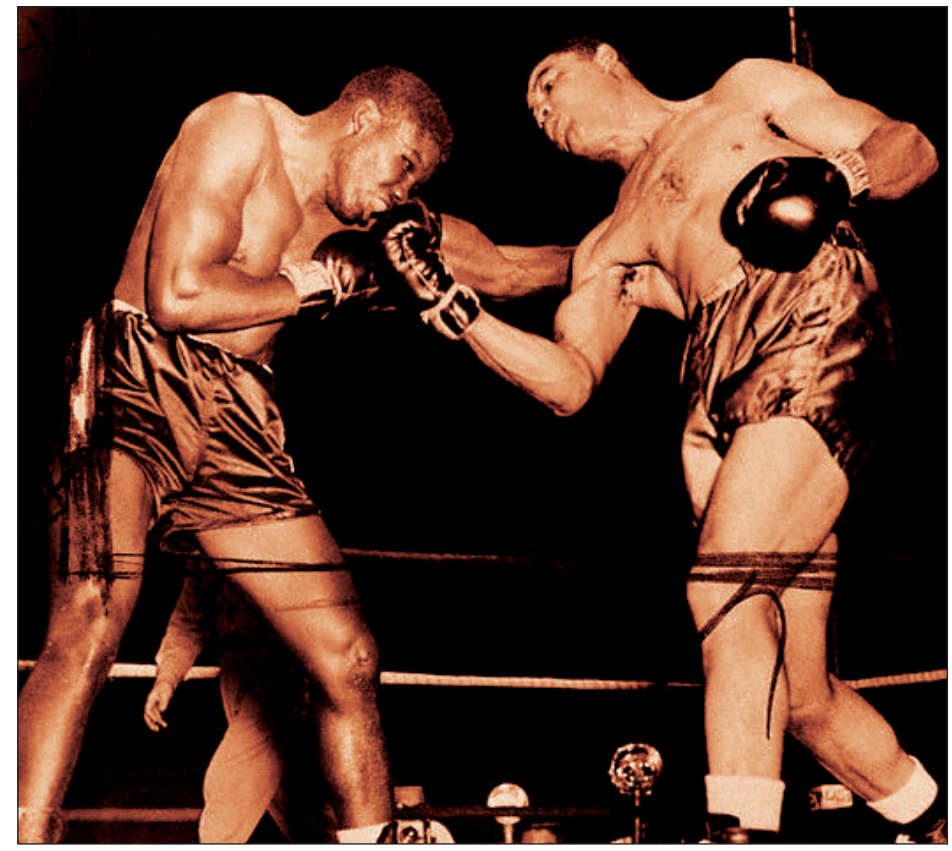
Eighty years ago, on June 22, 1938, Joe Louis knocked out Max Schmeling in the first round of their heavyweight championship bout. It was a victory fraught with symbolism for American Jews, and others, who saw it as a victory of American ideals over Nazi ideology. It also symbolized the all-too-slowly growing acceptance of African Americans as human beings with equal rights in our country. Though the fight took place more than a decade before I was born, and despite the fact that no one in my family was a boxing fan, from my earliest years I was very familiar with the event.

My father revered Joe Louis. A surprising hero for a man born and raised in far-away Hungary. Not the hero one might expect for a Jewish cantor, whose work all his adult life had been the singing of liturgy in synagogues.

Yet, among the most vivid memories I have from my childhood in Hungary and Israel, through my teenage years in the United States, are the stories my father told of Joe Louis. My father delighted in acting out the boxing dramas of Joe Louis. Many times, in our living room, back yard, or even occasionally before services in shul, he'd ball up his fists, get into a prize fighter's crouch and show us how the Brown Bomber landed the savage right to Max Schmeling's kidney that fractured two vertebrae in the unlucky challenger's back.

"Two minutes! Just two minutes and four seconds is all it took!" he would exclaim. "They say that a Texas millionaire was at ringside that night, wearing one of those big cowboy hats. When somebody accidentally knocked his hat off soon after the beginning of the fight, he bent down to get it. By the time he looked up, the fight was over." Saying this, my father would laugh till tears came to his eyes. Then he'd add dramatically, "Can you believe it? Hitler even sent Schmeling a telegram before the fight. 'Congratulations to the new heavyweight champion of the world.'" Again he'd laugh. Again tears would fill his eyes.

My father was a gifted storyteller and the stories of great men were among his favorite topics. He had many stories. Some of them were of singers like him: of Moshe Koussevitzky, the legendary cantor, Gigli, the great Italian operatic tenor. and Chaliapin, the famed Russian bass baritone. Others were about the teachings and sayings of the great rabbis of history, and still others were of his childhood and adolescence in Hungary between the two World Wars.



Joe Louis knocked out Max Schmeling in the first round of their heavyweight championship bout 80 years ago on June 22, 1938

Always, always though, he came back to the stories of Joe Louis.

And, of his own father.

There are only two pictures left of my grandfather Shaya. In one, taken in the late 1930s, he's standing in a posed family portrait along with his wife and their eleven children, most of them adults, several with families of their own by that time. In the other picture, he is a young man wearing his WWI Hungarian Army uniform. He is posing in profile, his rifle in his right hand, a long pickax in his left. On his back is a full knapsack, and binoculars hang from a strap around his neck. He was an advance scout. His assignment throughout the war was to climb mountains and lookout towers, occasionally behind enemy lines, and report on troop movements. His face, looking out of the old sepia photo is calmly confident, almost defiant. A man aware of his powers.

When WWI ended, small bands of troops from the retreating Checkoslovakian Army, entered his city of Balassagyarmat and began looting homes. My grandfather stood by his front gate, rifle at the ready. "They are not coming in here," he said. And they didn't.

After the war, because of his Army service, Shaya was allowed a gun permit and carried a pistol in his travels as a peddler. When in

the late Thirties the many restrictions against Jews began to be enforced, Shaya lost his permit and his gun. One day, traveling home from a successful selling trip he was attacked by two robbers. Wielding a loose plank from his cart, he knocked both men senseless.

When my father was about twelve years old, one Saturday morning he was walking home from synagogue services with a few of his friends. Grandfather Shaya and the other men were walking some distance behind them. A group of teenagers surrounded the boys, and began chanting, "dirty Jews, dirty Jews." When one of them yanked my father's payis, the customary long sideburns of religious Jews, and landed a blow to my father's head, Shaya came running and the young men fled. He caught two of them from behind and hit them so hard with a fist in each back that they fell face down on the ground.

My father revered Joe Louis because he did something my father had not been able to do – Joe Louis beat the Nazis.

In 1940, Shaya, despite being 53 years old, was ordered into the *munkaszolgálat*, the work detail attached to the Hungarian Army into which many Jewish men were conscripted. Stationed far from home, he rarely saw his family. One week however, his unit camped only five kilometers from his home town of Balassagyarmat. That Friday, Shaya decided to walk home to spend the Sabbath with his family. He neglected to inform anyone that he was leaving. When he returned Sunday afternoon his commanding officer accused him of desertion. Shaya retorted, "I'm here. Besides," and at this point he reportedly stepped close to the officer and tapped the man's chest with his index finger, "if you hadn't seen your wife and children in three months, and you were this close, what would you have done?" The matter was dropped.

Shaya was released from *munkaszolgálat* when a lookout tower, like the ones he'd climbed more than 20 years before in WWI, now rotted from years of neglect, collapsed under him. He broke his right shoulder and several ribs and never quite recovered from his injuries.

When my brother and I were about 16 years old, my mother told us one day that she was our father's second wife. That he'd lost his first wife and their three young children in the Holocaust.

This almost unbelievable news was barely comprehensible to me at first. And, it was somehow silently understood in our family that we would not talk about it with our father. After my mother's revelation that day, many years went by before I allowed myself to even think about these things, and years more before I braved talking about them with my father; years before I would understand the sadness I'd always sensed in him even when I was still a little child, but whose cause I'd never before known; years before I knew why he kept to himself so much, why he rarely joined my mother and brother and me on weekend family outings to parks or beaches, saying that he needed time to study for the next week's Torah reading. We all knew that was not true. He could almost recite the readings by heart after so many years of study and repetition. He didn't need to rehearse every Sunday afternoon, all afternoon.

The truth was, he wanted to be alone. It sometimes seemed to me that he wanted to be alone so much that he was not a part of our family. That day when my mother told us, 20 years after they were murdered, my father was still mourning his first family.

His frequent stories of Joe Louis gradually came to mean more to me. I began to see why Louis' victory over Max Schmeling held such mythic power for him.

In June of 1938, when Joe Louis knocked out Max Schmeling, my father was living in Kunhegyes, a small town a 125 kilometers east of Budapest. He served as rabbi, cantor, *shochet*, and school teacher for the Jewish families living in that community. Although he was happy in his life in Kunhegyes, he was well aware of the gathering horror of Hitler. After Krystalnacht in 1938 he had visible proof that Hitler's insane rantings could inspire very real violence. In 1942 that horror and violence pounded on his door. Like his father Shaya, he was ordered into the *munkaszolgálat*. He spent much of the rest of the war in work lagers in Poland. When he returned home to Kunhegyes in late 1944, my father discovered he had lost everything to the Nazis.

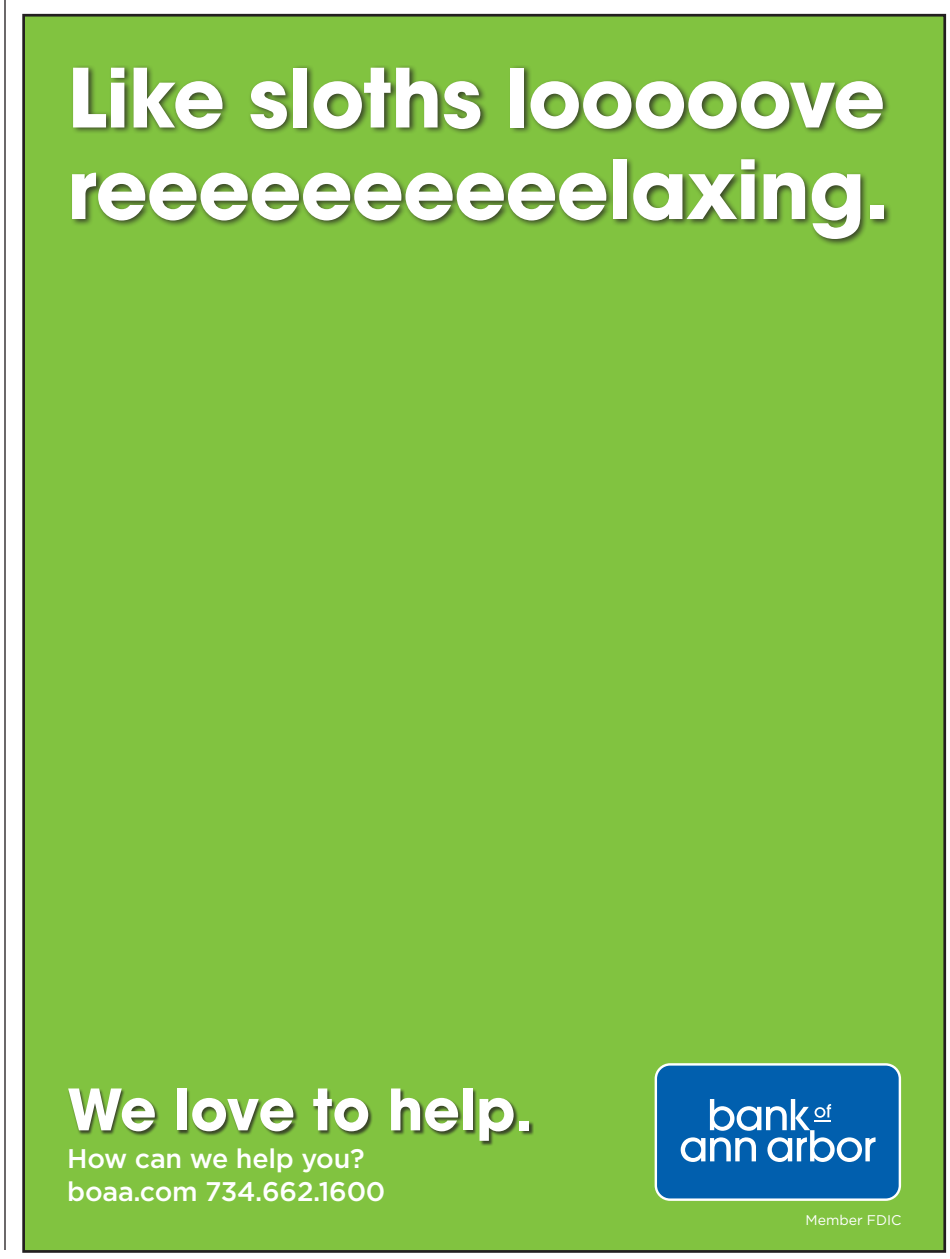
While he was away, most of his family was taken to Auschwitz in cattle cars. There, besides numberless more distant relatives, he lost his father Shaya, his mother Rozsa, his only brother, three sisters, and, perhaps most excruciating of all, his wife, two sons and a daughter.

My father always believed that Shaya, had he not been recovering from the fall from the lookout tower, would have never been taken alive to Auschwitz. He was certain that Shaya would have taken to the grave with him a number of the Csendör, the hated Hungarian state police who rounded up Jews to transport to the Nazi Camps. I used to have different fantasies, even more unrealistic—that Shaya might have been able to save the whole family.

Joe Louis was an exceptional man, worthy of my father's admiration. However, my father did not look up to him only for his athletic feats. He revered him because Joe Louis did something he had not been able to do.

Joe Louis beat the Nazis.

In all his stories, my father never mentioned that the Joe Louis fight of 1938 was a return match; that Max Schmeling had defeated Joe Louis two years previously. I was more than 30 years old when I read that in a biography of Louis. When I told my father, he hadn't known. In that same biography, I read that Joe Louis and Max Schmeling were not blood enemies, as many have since claimed. In fact, in the years after the war, the two men became friends. Also, that Schmeling refused to cooperate with the Nazis, and helped the brother of a Jewish friend flee to America. I never told my father about that. I don't think he'd have wanted to know. ■



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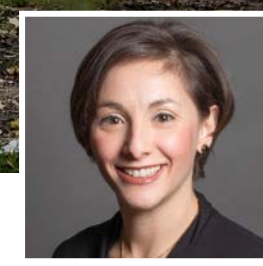

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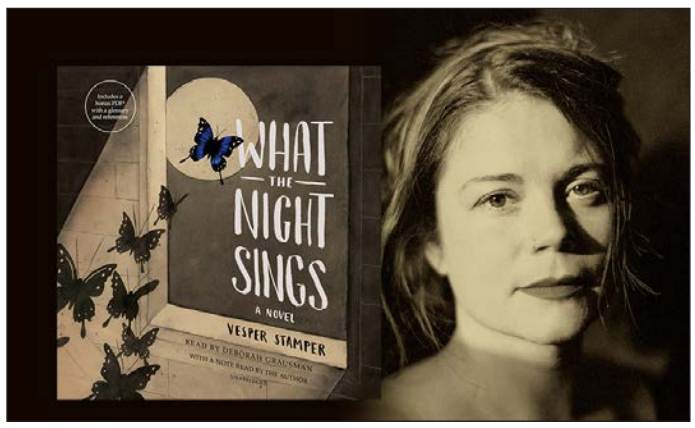
What the Night Sings by Vesper Stamper

Lois Godel, special to the WJN

Until the day the Nazis pounded on the door of the Richter family's apartment, ransacking it and arresting Gerta and her father, the 14-year-old didn't know she was Jewish, or even her real surname.

Fully assimilated, Gerta's family had been living in Wurzburg for years. Father and daughter had moved to Wurzburg from Koln, following the Night of Broken Glass and the death of Gerta's mother there. With the proceeds from his dead wife's wedding band, he had purchased an Ahnenpass, or certificate of racial purity for himself and his daughter.

As life became increasingly difficult for German Jews, Gerta's father attempted to keep a low profile. An accomplished violist,



he had sought help from his musician friends in remaining undetected by the Nazis. He no longer tried to compete or draw attention to himself musically. His goal was to blend in, to become invisible. He lived as quietly as possible. Until the day that someone turned him in.

Prior to the day the Nazis came for them, Gerta was living a seemingly idyllic life with her beloved father, a violist and music teacher, and her stepmother, Maria Bruchner, an opera singer and teacher. Gerta was home-schooled. Her primary talent was that of a singer. She sang in a prestigious children's choir and was being trained for an operatic debut, but she also knew how to play the viola.

Gerta's father and step-mother had attempted to shield her from the growing Nazi menace, but she had some awareness of it. When, from their apartment window, she observed an SS man push an old woman down into the street, Gerta wondered what horrible thing the woman had done to deserve such treatment. Her father beckoned her to come away from the window. He closed the drapes. And there, in a few sentences, the author showed how ordinary good German citizens managed to turn away from the horror unfolding before them.

This novel was not written in a time-consecutive or linear manner. It opens in a barrack within Bergen-Belsen. By the end of the first chapter, the reader learns that the main character has survived the concentration camps. Throughout the book, the reader learns how she survived, and after liberation, roots for her to make the best choices for a good life.

As music had heightened her enjoyment of life in Gerta's childhood world, her skill as a musician boosted her chance of survival in the camps. But how well does she survive? She has lost the only life she had ever known. She has lost her home; lost her childhood innocence. At one point she loses her voice. Will she be able to find it again? Will she be able to find love? A homeland? How will she come to terms with her Jewish identity?

The story unfolds with flashbacks and flash-forwards, the structure, itself, suggests a rhythm not unlike that of a train. Grayscale illustrations add to the somber tone. In fact, the author's illustrations (originally linoleum prints) preceded her narrative. Her images informed and guided the written novel.

Vesper Stamper was a musician who was born in Germany and raised in the United States. She was primarily an accomplished guitarist, who, after a car accident, partially lost the use of her arm. Unable to play guitar, she turned to visual arts. *What the Night Sings* arose out of a series of her visual images.

What the Night Sings is not just another Holocaust story, but on numerous levels, it is a work of art. Classified as young adult fiction, it rings true; believable as a memoir. I found it to be a work comparable to *The Book Thief,* which was also classified as "Young Adult." The story line is uncomplicated, but I'm guessing that what earned it the "Young Adult" label is the relative absence of explicit sex and graphic violence. However, it could also be the abundance of illustrations in the book.

A lot of books have been written about the Holocaust. A lot of books have been written about loss. *What the Night Sings* is a book is about unfathomable loss. It's also about both Jewish and personal identity. It's about healing and the power of music. It's about love for family and friends and it's about romantic love.

Vesper Stamper, through the inter-mingling of her well-chosen words and generous illustrations, helps the reader to share the experiences of her protagonist. And she does so in a way that is appropriate for young teenagers and compelling, not only for them, but for older adults. ■

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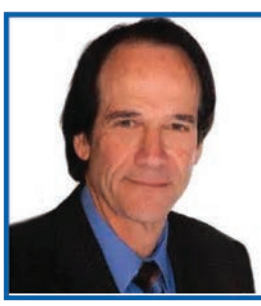

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ArtOps at Kerrytown Concert House

Emily Slomovits, staff writer

The 25th annual Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival, which features acclaimed classical musicians from all over the world, will be hosted for several performances in June at Ann Arbor's Kerrytown Concert House. ArtOps is a Detroit-based organization that does much of the managing, marketing and community engagement for the Festival, as well as for Detroit Chamber Winds and Strings, and many other Michigan arts organizations. WJN corresponded via email with Brandon Coulter, ArtOps' PR and Marketing associate, about ArtOps, the Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival, and more.

WJN: What can you tell us about how the Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival got started and the kinds of performances it has offered in the past?

Coulter: 2018 marks the 25th Anniversary of the Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival. The Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival was born in 1994 of a remarkable relationship between religious and cultural institutions. A secular event, the Festival is sponsored by three religious institutions (representing Catholic, Jewish and Protestant faiths) and Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings, which also provides administration for the Festival.

In two weeks each June, the Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival presents more than 20 concerts in southeastern Michigan. Many of these performances occur in the venues of the Festival's sponsors: St. Hugo of the Hills Catholic Church, Temple Beth El, and Kirk in the Hills Presbyterian Church. Additional concert locations have included the Detroit Institute of Arts, Kerrytown Concert House (Ann Arbor), Seligman Performing Arts Center, various locations in Grosse Pointe, the Capitol Theatre in Windsor (Ontario.) and St. Thomas Aquinas Church in East Lansing. A special highlight was a performance at the Library of Congress, in Washington, D.C.

The list of performers over the years reads like a long "who's who" in chamber music, including Jeremy Denk, Andrés and Roberto Díaz, Peter Oundjian, Joseph Silverstein, Miriam Fried, Gilbert Kalish, Philip Setzer, Jonathan Biss, David Finckel, St. Lawrence Quartet, Peter Wiley, Miró Quartet, Wu Han, Fred Sherry, Ida and Ani Kavafian and a host of additional musicians.

WJN: This year, the festival is in residence at the Kerrytown Concert House on June 15, 22 and 24. What can audience members expect from this part of the Festival?

Coulter: The Kerrytown Concert House has been a fantastic venue for the Festival for quite some time. This year, the Festival will appear at Kerrytown for three different performances. June 15 features clarinetist David Shifrin and the Omer Quartet in a performance featuring Mozart's timeless Clarinet Quintet in A major. June 22 features Shostakovich's Second Piano Trio, one of the 20th century's most performed and lauded works of chamber music. June 24 features Tchaikovsky's Piano Trio, possible the most passionate trio of the Romantic era.

WJN: Can you tell us a little about ArtOps?

Coulter: ArtOps provides a customized suite of managerial services. Our purpose is to foster organizational development and capacity so that arts organizations may reach their full potential. We provide value-driven management service options that free clients to focus on their artistic and creative missions. We currently service a number of clients, including Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings, Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival, Eisenhower Dance Detroit and Cabaret 313, among others.

WJN: It seems that ArtOps is uniquely focused on community building and outreach. What is special about your organization's approach to this kind of work?

Coulter: The ArtOps model is unique in that we allow clients to basically pick and choose what services we provide to them. Whether it be marketing, operations, finance, development or beyond, we service each one according to their respective needs. This allows them to focus solely on the artistic product while we take care of all of the other pieces. Plus, this gives clients the opportunity to afford services they wouldn't otherwise have access to. ■

The Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival will be held at various locations in southeastern Michigan from June 9–24. The Kerrytown Concert House will host the Festival on June 15, 22 and 24. For tickets and information about the Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival, visit greatlakeschambermusic.org or kerrytownconcerthouse.com. For information about ArtOps, visit art-ops.org.

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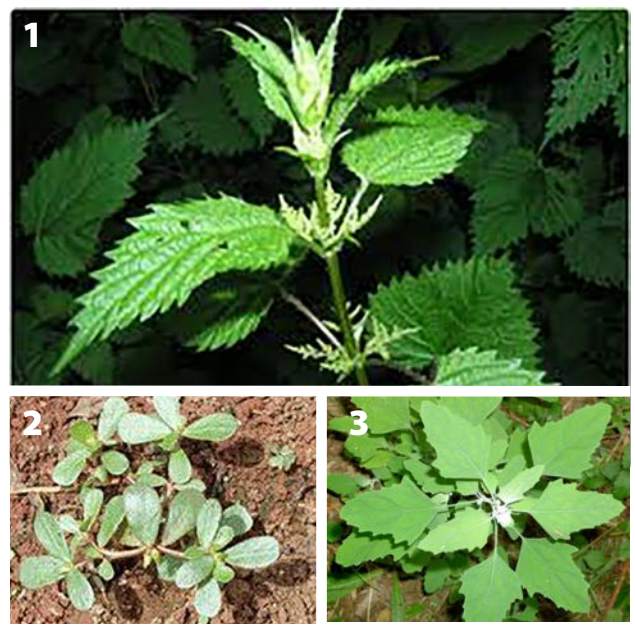
Summer time and the living is easy

Lonnie Sussman, food editor

Do you recall your excitement as the school year ended and summer vacation approached? Winter coats were stored away and summer t-shirts, shorts and flip flops ruled. We waited for the jingles of the ice cream trucks and tried to remember the warning of our parents to "be home when the street lights go on." It was great! We spent the days at the pool or beach, nights at the park watching or playing in baseball games, and endless hours spent outside doing nothing with friends. I read Nancy Drew books in the backyard until it was too scary to be alone and I had to come in the house to be safe. There was camp to look forward to and the fun of memories of camp to sustain us until the next year. Maybe it was the length of the days that made the summer seem so long that it would last forever. Anything seemed possible; even the Tigers could win the World Series.

My dad had a vegetable garden every year and vegetables were an important part of our family's diet. First came the peas and other colder weather crops. I think we had kale before it became a thing, but I didn't like it then. I didn't like the cabbage or other brassica (cabbage, brussle sprouts, etc.) either. Later in the summer there were zucchini, yellow squash, pole beans and of course, tomatoes. I even have a memory of shelling peas and thinking "this is a lot of work." But we also had some more exotic things to eat. One year we went to our local park to gather dandelions! Yes, dandelions. Our mom made dandelion fritters that were delicious. It was a bit weird eating something that grew in lawns but it was really tasty. Dad even made dandelion wine one year. It was awful!

Some years later I took a class on Wild Edibles taught by Ellen Elliot Weatherbee at the University of Michigan Botanical Gardens. That class and the influence of the Euell Gibbons' book, *Stalking the Wild Asparagus*, set me off on a path of exploration that continues to this day. Soon we were eating our front lawn and weeds from our small vegetable garden. We ate the dandelions, both the buds and the flowers.



1: Stinging Nettles; 2: Lambs Quarters; 3: Purslane

We had violets in our salads and purslane, lamb's quarters and nettles. All three of these plants are super high in vitamin A and other nutrients. I also returned to the park of my youth to gather ramps. They grew all over the wooded area and were fantastic. You can buy ramps in some specialty stores in the spring. They taste like a combination of onion and garlic.

A few years later, my husband Ron and I went to Camp Tavor where he was the camp business manager for many years. A whole new world of wild edible plants appeared. Milkweed, the plant that grows in meadows all over this area, is edible in three forms. The young leaves are like spinach (every green leafy weed is described as tasting like spinach… but they don't), the bud of the flower is like broccoli (sure) and the pods are more like okra. I don't eat them anymore because the milkweed plant is a main source of food for butterflies. One of the tastiest plants was cattails, found on the edges of swamps. The young cattail shoots are tender and mild and the flower of the plant — you know, the part that turns brown and gives it the name "cattail" — is like a mini corn on the cob, but, only when it is still green.

It's easy to go berry picking in the summer since we have so many commercial farms around Ann Arbor with great strawberry, raspberry and blueberry plants. But, If you are lucky, intrepid and like to hike, these plants can also be found in the wild. Raspberry plants are everywhere, at least in places where I haven't completely picked them to extinction. Remember to wear long sleeves and pants if you don't want to be completely scratched up. Wild strawberries and blueberries are a bit harder to find around here although they are common in other places in Michigan. For two beautiful summers I was a counselor at Camp Kennedy, one of the sites of The Fresh Air Society. Many Jewish children were introduced to camping through the programs of this society which celebrated 100 years of existence in the Detroit area in 2002. The camp was located in the Upper Peninsula near Grand Marais. Wild blueberries grew all around our site. Wild strawberries, the sweetest, most delicious I've ever eaten, were all over the sandy grounds near Lake Superior. On Isle Royale we found thimbleberries, a particularly wonderful, super tart berry that makes a great jam.

Ann Arbor is a great place to live and play especially in the summer. There are finally enough parking spaces around downtown and the campus areas. The Farmers' Market has tons of vegetables available along with crafts and music. The summer festivals offer free entertainment for all. There are the band concerts in West Park and Liberty Square. We look forward to the three weeks of Summer Festival. Every night families head to campus to eat a picnic dinner, see friends, listen to some music, lie on the grass, and watch as the kids play with soap bubbles, balls or just run around. Is it just me or does everyone seem more relaxed? Can you stay awake for the movies that show after sunset?

Towards the middle of July the town goes crazy with Art Fair. Either you love it or you hate it. Those great parking spaces are gone but there are still opportunities for fun and exploration, hiking and biking, and all types of outdoor activities. Then, it feels like everyone is gone and the town is deserted. Families are on vacations or kids are at sleep away camps or thunderstorms are cancelling the outdoor events. Suddenly, it is August and the commercials for "Back to School" sales have started. Whoosh! Wasn't it just yesterday that school got out?

You all know how to grill hot dogs, hamburgers and eggplants. You all know how to make a salad. Here are some fun recipes for the wild edible foods mentioned above. Have a great summer! ■

Nettle souffle

Dairy, serves 4. Best to use garden gloves to pick the nettles

3 large handfuls of nettles, clean in water and vinegar and use only the tender tops
4 eggs

1½ cups mik
1 Tablespoon butter
3 Tablespoons flour
½ cup grated cheese (Gruyere or Cheddar or your choice)
salt, pepper and a dash of nutmeg

Cook the nettles like spinach, in just the water that remains on the leaves after washing them. Cook just until they wilt. Remove from heat.

Make the roux. Melt the butter in a pan, add the flour and cook for a few minutes, then add the milk slowly until the mixture thickens. Add the seasonings. You know how to make a roux.

Separate the eggs and beat the whites until stiff.

Mix the egg yolks with the cheese and add to the nettles.

Fold in the egg whites

Butter and flour a souffle dish or individual ramekins or a casserole dish.

Cook for 20 minutes at 390°.

More from the garden

Ramps: Use as you would for any recipe with green onions and or garlic. I love to make omelets with them. You can use the whole plant or just the bulb and the tender leaves.

Dandelion fritters: Dairy. (Pick young flowers from a lawn you know doesn't use fertilizers. Carefully pinch off the flower from the stem.

Batter: 1 cup of fresh dandelion flowers. 1 cup flour (any type you like but part cornmeal will make the fritter crispier), 1 cup milk, 1 egg, 1 teaspoon baking powder and lots of heat resistant oil. Season the batter with your choices of savory (salt, pepper, chili powder, rosemary,) or sweet (2 tablespoons sugar/honey, 1 teaspoon vanilla, 1/2 tsp cinnamon, granulated sugar to cool the hot fritters in).

Whisk all ingredients, except the dandelion heads, together, dip the dandelions in the batter and deep fry in batches in hot oil. Drain on paper towels and eat right away.

Weed your garden: These plants grow everywhere from sidewalk cracks to your carefully tended gardens. Simply weed, clean the plants, use the leaves of the Lamb's quarters and the entire Purslane.

Purslane or Lamb's Quarters sautéed or steamed. Steam like spinach, gently and in only the water remaining on the leaves after you wash the plants. If you sauté, use olive oil and dress gently with a bit of vinegar.

Parsley lemon and cannelinni bean salad

Parve, serves 4

2/3 cup red quinoa or white (cook in water for 11 minutes and drain. Set aside until dry.)
2/3 cup parsley, finely chopped
2/3 cup mint leaves, shredded
2-4 green onions, thinly sliced
1½ cups cannelinni beans (if using canned, be sure to rinse and drain well)
½ large lemon, skin and seeds removed and flesh finely chopped (about 1/3 cup)
½ teaspoon ground allspice
¼ cup olive oil
Salt and peper

Add all the rest of the ingredients to the quinoa, stir together and serve.

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June 2018

Friday 1

Lunch and Learn: TBE. Noon.

Shalom Gever (Jewish Karate): TBE. 4–5 p.m.

Family Shabbat Services: TBE. Tot Shabbat from 5:45–6:15 p.m. Step Up Shabbat from 5:45–6:15 p.m. Tot Shabbat Dinner from 6:15–6:45 p.m. Shira from 6:45–7:15 p.m. Shabbat Service: Birthdays and Anniversaries from 7:30–9 p.m.

First Friday Shabbat: JCS. All are invited to join the JCS in welcoming Shabbat with songs, secular readings, candle lighting, wine, and challah. Dinner will follow the short observance at the JCC. Children are welcome. Dinner free for JCS members; non-members $10/person; $25/family. Register online www.jewishculturalsociety.org/observances/shabbat/. 6:30–9 p.m.

Friday evening services: *See listing at the end of the calendar.*

Saturday 2

Torah Study: TBE. 8:50–9:50 a.m.

Shabbat Limmud: BIC. 9 a.m.

Bar Mitzvah Service: TBE. Hunter Mabry. 10 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

Shabbat services: *See listing at the end of the calendar.*

Sunday 3

Mitzvah Day–Sunday of Service: TBE. 9:45 a.m.–3:15 p.m.

Social Action Committee Meeting: BIC. 10 a.m.

Tanya–Jewish Mysticism: Chabad. Delve into the basic text of Chassidim and discover the beauty and depth of Judaism. 10:30–11:30 a.m. *Sundays.*

Celebrate Israel Family Festival: Jewish Federation and JCC. Community-wide celebration of Yom Ha'atzmaut (Israel Independence Day), a collaborative effort of over 15 Ann Arbor Jewish community organizations. Petting zoo, Israeli dancing, Israeli-related activities, and kosher Israeli street food for the whole family. At the JCC. $10/household; $15 at the door. Information at jccannarbor.org. 3–6 p.m.

Kol Halev Rehearsal: TBE. 6:15–7:45 p.m.

Monday 4

Spring Dinner and Talk: ORT Ann Arbor. Israeli-style dinner catered by Amanda's Kitchen Catering. $36/person. Followed by a talk on "Educating Israel's Most Vulnerable Students," presented by Dr. Conrad Giles, President of World ORT. There is no cost for the talk and it is open to the public. RSVP to Sue Sefansky at sefansky@umich.edu. $36/dinner. Dinner at 6 p.m., Talk at 7:30 p.m.

Keshet High School Hebrew: BIC. 6 p.m.

WTBE Fiber Arts: TBE. Offsite. 7:30–9:30 p.m.

Tuesday 5

Yidishtish (Yiddish Conversational Group): Temporarily meeting in Panera Bread Café, 777 North University Avenue at South Thayer Street. All levels and ages welcome for conversation in mame-loshn, which translates to "mother tongue." For information, email egertel@umich.edu or phone (734) 936-2367. 1:30 p.m. *Tuesdays.*

Tea and Torah on Tuesday—for Women: Chabad. Reading the Torah may be easy, but understanding it is no simple matter. Study of the text with the classical Rashi commentary. 8 p.m. *Tuesdays.*

Wednesday 6

Keshet: TBE. 6:30–8:30 p.m.

Softball Game: BIC. At Veterans Park Field #4. 7 p.m.

Annual Meeting: TBE. 7–9 p.m.

Theology Book Club: BIC. 8 p.m.

Thursday 7

Oneg Baking: TBE. 11 a.m.–4 p.m.

Talmud–Jewish Civil Law: Chabad. Sharpen your wits and knowledge of the Jewish legal system by following the intriguing discussions in the Talmud. The Talmud is a composite of practical law, logical argumentation and moral teachings. Study from the original Talmud tractate. 8 p.m. *Thursdays.*

Friday 8

Lunch and Learn: TBE. Noon–1 p.m.

Shalom Gever (Jewish Karate): TBE. 4–5 p.m.

Family Shabbat Services: TBE. Tot Shabbat from 5:45–6:15 p.m. Step Up Shabbat from 5:45–6:15 p.m. Tot Shabbat Dinner from 6:15–6:45 p.m. Shira from 6:45–7:15 p.m. Shabbat Service from 7:30–9 p.m.

Friday evening services: *See listing at the end of the calendar.*

Saturday 9

Torah Study: TBE. 8:50–9:50 a.m.

JFS Shabbat: BIC. 9:30 a.m.

Bar Mitzvah Service: TBE. Sam Levin. 10–11 a.m.

Mini Minyan: BIC. 11:15 a.m.

Tot Shabbat: BIC. 11:15 a.m.

Shabbat services: *See listing at the end of the calendar.*

Sunday 10

Family Day: BIC. At the BIC Garden. 10 a.m.

Monthly Playgroup: TBE. Offsite. 10 a.m.–Noon.

Tanya–Jewish Mysticism: Chabad. Delve into the basic text of Chassidim and discover the beauty and depth of Judaism. 10:30–11:30 a.m. *Sundays.*

Adult Social Group Meeting: BIC. 12:30 p.m.

Annual Congregation Meeting: BIC. 7 p.m.

Monday 11

WTBE Historical Novel Reading Group: TBE. 12:20–2 p.m.

Women's Torah Study: TBE. 7–8:30 p.m.

Tuesday 12

June Cookout Picnic: JCC. Join the J's Lunch and Learn program for a series of summer cookouts. Spend your lunch break at the J and enjoy the warm weather with classic summer picnic foods. Menu and registration information at www.jccannarbor.org. Advance registration required. For more information, contact rachaelhoffenblum@jccannarbor.org. Noon–1 p.m.

Yidishtish (Yiddish Conversational Group). 1:30 p.m. *See first Tuesday of month.*

Tea and Torah on Tuesday—for Women: Chabad. 8 p.m. *See first Tuesday of month.*

Wednesday 13

Theology Book Club: BIC. 8 p.m.

Softball Game: BIC. At Veterans Park Field #4. 9:30 p.m.

Thursday 14

Mizmoret Rehearsal: TBE. 8–9:30 p.m.

Talmud–Jewish Civil Law: Chabad. See first Thursday of month for details. 8 p.m. *Thursdays.*

Friday 15

Lunch and Learn: TBE. Noon–1 p.m.

Shalom Gever (Jewish Karate): TBE. 4–5 p.m.

Family Shabbat Services: TBE. Tot Shabbat from 5:45–6:15 p.m. Step Up Shabbat from 5:45–6:15 p.m. Tot Shabbat Dinner from 6:15–6:45 p.m. Shira from 6:45–7:15 p.m. Shabbat Service from 7:30–9 p.m.

Friday evening services: *See listing at the end of the calendar.*

Saturday 16

Torah Study: TBE. 8:50-9:50 a.m.

B'nai Mitzvah Service: TBE. Jesse Newpol and Griffin Weiss. 10 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

Shabbat services: *See listing at the end of the calendar.*

Sunday 17

Tanya–Jewish Mysticism: Chabad. Delve into the basic text of Chassidim and discover the beauty and depth of Judaism. 10:30–11:30 a.m. *Sundays.*

Chaverim B'Shirim 25th Anniversary Concert: Gems of Jerome: JCC. Join the J's volunteer choir, founded and directed by Marilyn Krimm, for a special 25th anniversary concert featuring the music of composer Jerome Kern. Kern is best known for the operetta, *Show Boat,* which first premiered on Broadway in 1927 and which has been revived countless times on stage and film. No charge. 3–5 p.m.

Monday 18

WTBE Fiber Arts: TBE. Offsite. 7:30–9 p.m.

Mizmoret Rehearsal: TBE. 8–9:30 p.m.

Tuesday 19

Yidishtish (Yiddish Conversational Group). 1:30 p.m. *See first Tuesday of month.*

Tea and Torah on Tuesday—for Women: Chabad. 8 p.m. *See first Tuesday of month.*

Wednesday 20

Theology Book Club: BIC. 8 p.m.

Softball Game: BIC. At Veterans Park Field #4. 8:45 p.m.

Thursday 21

Third Thursday @ the J: From Hastings to Home–An Introduction to Detroit's Early Jewish History: JCC. Join the J and the Jewish Historical Society of Michigan to explore the beginning and growth of Detroit's Jewish community. Discussion of the obstacles and opportunities the Jewish community faced, why they chose Detroit, and where they settled. RSVP at least one day prior for lunch reservations ($5.50 for those under 60) at www.jccannarbor.org or by phone at (734) 971-0990. Noon–1 p.m.

Brotherhood Guys' Night Out: TBE. 6–7:30 p.m.

Talmud–Jewish Civil Law: Chabad. See first Thursday of month for details. 8 p.m. *Thursdays.*

Friday 22

Lunch and Learn: TBE. Noon–1 p.m.

Shalom Gever (Jewish Karate): TBE. 4–5 p.m.

Shabbat Achat Dinner: TBE. 6–6:30 p.m.

Shabbat Achat Service: TBE. 6:30–8 p.m.

Friday evening services: *See listing at the end of the calendar.*

Saturday 23

Tot Shabbat: BIC. 11:15 a.m.

Mini Minyan: BIC. 11:15 a.m.

Shabbat services: *See listing at end of calendar.*

Sunday 24

Tanya–Jewish Mysticism: Chabad. Delve into the basic text of Chassidim and discover the beauty and depth of Judaism. 10:30–11:30 a.m. *Sundays.*

A Tribute to Rabbi Robert Dobrusin: Thanks for the Memories: BIC. 6:30 p.m.

Monday 25

Women's Torah Study: TBE. 7–9 p.m.

Tuesday 26

Yidishtish (Yiddish Conversational Group). 1:30 p.m. *See first Tuesday of month.*

Tea and Torah on Tuesday—for Women: Chabad. 8 p.m. *See first Tuesday of month.*

Wednesday 27

Softball Game: BIC. At Veterans Park Field #4. 5:45 p.m.

Theology Book Club: BIC. 8 p.m.

Thursday 28

Men's Talmud Study: TBE. 7:30–9 p.m.

Talmud–Jewish Civil Law: Chabad. See first Thursday of month for details. 8 p.m. *Thursdays.*

Friday 29

Lunch and Learn: TBE. Noon–1 p.m.

Shalom Gever (Jewish Karate): TBE. 4–5 p.m.

Family Shabbat Services: TBE. Tot Shabbat from 5:45–6:15 p.m. Step Up Shabbat from 5:45–6:15 p.m. Tot Shabbat Dinner from 6:15–6:45 p.m. Shira from 6:45–7:15 p.m. Shabbat Service from 7:30–9 p.m.

Friday evening services: *See listing at the end of the calendar.*

Saturday 30

Shabbat services: *See listing at end of calendar.*

July 2018

Sunday 1

Fast of 17 Tamuz and Services: Chabad. Fast begins at 4:08 a.m. Morning Services at 8:30 a.m. Afternoon and Evening Services at 8:45 p.m. Fast ends at 10 p.m.

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Friday evening services: *See listing at the end of the calendar.*

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Shabbat services: *See listing at the end of the calendar.*

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Tanya–Jewish Mysticism: Chabad. Delve into the basic text of Chassidim and discover the beauty and depth of Judaism. 10:30–11:30 a.m. *Sundays.*

Adult Social Group Meeting: BIC. 12:30 p.m.

Monday 9

Women's Torah Study: TBE. 7–9 p.m.

Tuesday 10

July Cookout Picnic: JCC. Join the J's Lunch and Learn program for a series of summer cookouts. Enjoy the warm weather with classic summer picnic foods. Visit www.jccannarbor.org for menu and registration. Advanced registration required. For information, contact Rachael at (734) 971-0990 or email rachaelhoffenblum@jccannarbor.org. Noon–1 p.m.

Yidish tish (Yiddish Conversational Group). 1:30 p.m. *See first Tuesday of month.*

Tea and Torah on Tuesday—for Women: Chabad. 8 p.m. *See first Tuesday of month.*

Wednesday 11

Red Cross Blood Drive: JCC. The J is partnering with the Washtenaw County chapter of the American Red Cross to ensure that patients in need can receive much needed blood donations. Make an appointment to donate blood. This blood drive will accommodate Double Red donors. Register online at www.redcrossblood.org and use sponsor code "JCC." For information, contact Rachael at (734) 971-0990 or email rachaelhoffenblum@jccannarbor.org. Noon–6 p.m.

Softball Game and Pizza Picnic: BIC. At Veterans Park Field #4. 5:45 p.m.

Theology Book Club: BIC. 8 p.m.

Thursday 12

Talmud–Jewish Civil Law: Chabad. See first Thursday of month for details. 8 p.m. *Thursdays.*

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Bubbles, Bounce, BBQ and Barchu: BIC. 6 p.m.

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Tot Shabbat: BIC. 11:15 a.m.

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Wednesday 18

Theology Book Club: BIC. 8 p.m.

Thursday 19

Third Thursday @ the J: Howard Lazarus presents "One Community:" JCC. Howard Lazarus, Ann Arbor city administrator since 2016, presents a special talk entitled, "One Community." RSVP at www.jccannarbor.org. Optional lunch available for purchase. Phone (734) 971-0990 to RSVP or at least one day in advance to reserve lunch ($5.50 for those under 60). Noon–1 p.m.

Brotherhood Guys' Night Out: TBE. 6:30–8 p.m.

Talmud–Jewish Civil Law: Chabad. See first Thursday of month for details. 8 p.m. *Thursdays.*

Friday 20

Shalom Gever (Jewish Karate): TBE. 4–5 p.m.

Tot Backyard Shabbat: BIC. 5:30 p.m.

Family Shabbat Services: TBE. Tot Shabbat from 5:45–6:15 p.m. Step Up Shabbat from 5:45–6:15 p.m. Tot Shabbat Dinner from 6:15–6:45 p.m. Shira from 6:45–7:15 p.m. Summer Service: from 7:30–9:30 p.m.

Friday evening services: *See listing at the end of the calendar.*

Saturday 21

Tisha B'av Maariv Services: BIC. 9:45 p.m.

Fast of Tisha B'av and Services: Chabad. Fast begins at 9:05 p.m. Evening Services at 10:10 p.m.

Shabbat services: *See listing at the end of the calendar.*

Sunday 22

Tisha B'av Services: Chabad. Morning Services at 8:30 a.m. Afternoon and Evening Services at 8:15 p.m. Fast ends at 9:50 p.m.

Tisha B'av Services: BIC. Shaharit Morning Services at 9 a.m. Mincha Afternoon Services at 2:30 p.m.

Tanya–Jewish Mysticism: Chabad. Delve into the basic text of Chassidim and discover the beauty and depth of Judaism. 10:30–11:30 a.m. *Sundays.*

Monday 23

Tuesday 24

Tea and Torah on Tuesday—for Women: Chabad. 8 p.m. *See first Tuesday of month.*

Wednesday 25

Theology Book Club: BIC. 8 p.m.

Thursday 26

Men's Talmud Study: TBE. 7:30–9:30 p.m.

Talmud–Jewish Civil Law: Chabad. See first Thursday of month for details. 8 p.m. *Thursdays.*

Friday 27

Shalom Gever (Jewish Karate): TBE. 4–5 p.m.

Family Shabbat Services: TBE. Tot Shabbat from 5:45–6:15 p.m. Step Up Shabbat from 5:45–6:15 p.m. Tot Shabbat Dinner from 6:15–6:45 p.m. Shira from 6:45–7:15 p.m. Summer Service from 7:30–9 p.m.

Friday evening services: *See listing at the end of the calendar.*

Saturday 28

Tot Shabbat: BIC. 11:15 a.m.

Shabbat services: *See listing at the end of the calendar.*

Sunday 29

Tanya–Jewish Mysticism: Chabad. Delve into the basic text of Chassidim and discover the beauty and depth of Judaism. 10:30–11:30 a.m. *Sundays.*

Monday 30

Third Annual Golf Outing: JCC. Fun round of golf supporting financial aid for Early Childhood Center and Camp Raanana families. The Golf Outing raises funds to offset the approximately $50,000 provided in support each year to families who could not otherwise afford for their children to attend the childcare, preschool and camp programs. Held at William Newcomb designed par 72 course at The Polo Fields. For information, sponsorships and registration, visit www.jccannarbor.org. 10:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.

Tuesday 31

Tea and Torah on Tuesday—for Women: Chabad. 8 p.m. *See first Tuesday of month.*

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Wednesday 1

Theology Book Club: BIC. 8 p.m.

Thursday 2

Talmud–Jewish Civil Law: Chabad. Sharpen your wits and knowledge of the Jewish legal system by following the intriguing discussions in the Talmud. The Talmud is a composite of practical law, logical argumentation and moral teachings. Study from the original Talmud tractate. 8 p.m. Thursdays.

Friday 3

Shalom Gever (Jewish Karate): TBE. 4–5 p.m.

Family Shabbat Services: TBE. Tot Shabbat from 5:45–6:15 p.m. Step Up Shabbat from 5:45–6:15 p.m. Tot Shabbat Dinner from 6:15–6:45 p.m. Shira from 6:45–7:15 p.m. Summer Service from 7:30–9 p.m.

Pet Shabbat: BIC. 6 p.m.

First Friday Shabbat: JCS. Join in welcoming Shabbat with songs, secular readings, candle lighting, wine, and challah. Dinner will follow the short observance at the JCC. Children are welcome. Dinner free for JCS members; nonmembers $10/person; $25/family. Register online www.jewishculturalsociety.org/observances/shabbat/. 6:30–9 p.m.

Friday evening services: *See listing at end of calendar.*

Saturday 4

Shabbat services: *See listing at end of calendar.*

Sunday 5

Tanya–Jewish Mysticism: Chabad. Delve into the basic text of Chassidim and discover the beauty and depth of Judaism. 10:30am –11:30 a.m. *Sundays.*

Book Discussion: BIC. Discussion *Never Long Enough,* with Rabbi Joseph Krackoff. 7:45 p.m.

Monday 6

WTBE Fiber Arts: TBE. Offsite. 7:30–9 p.m.

Tuesday 7

Yidish tish (Yiddish Conversational Group): Temporarily meeting in Panera Bread Café, 777 N. University Ave. at S. Thayer Street. All levels and ages welcome for conversation in mame-loshn, which translates to "mother tongue." For information, email egertel@umich.edu or phone (734) 936-2367. 1:30 p.m. *Tuesdays.*

Tea and Torah on Tuesday—for Women: Chabad. Reading the Torah may be easy, but understanding it is no simple matter. Study of the text with the classical Rashi commentary. 8 p.m. *Tuesdays.*

Wednesday 8

Theology Book Club: BIC. 8 p.m.

Thursday 9

Talmud–Jewish Civil Law: Chabad. See first Thursday of month for details. 8 p.m. *Thursdays.*

Friday 10

Shalom Gever (Jewish Karate): TBE. 4–5 p.m.

Tot Backyard Shabbat: BIC. 5:30 p.m.

Family Shabbat Services: TBE. Tot Shabbat from 5:45–6:15 p.m. Step Up Shabbat from 5:45–6:15 p.m. Tot Shabbat Dinner from 6:15–6:45 p.m. Shira from 6:45–7:15 p.m. Summer Service from 7:30–9 p.m.

Friday evening services: *See listing at end of calendar.*

Saturday 11

Tot Shabbat: BIC. 11:15 a.m.

Shabbat services: *See listing at the end of the calendar.*

Sunday 12

Tanya–Jewish Mysticism: Chabad. Delve into

the basic text of Chassidim and discover the beauty and depth of Judaism. 10:30–11:30 a.m. *Sundays.*

Adult Social Group Meeting: BIC. 12:30 p.m.

Monday 13

Women's Torah Study: TBE. 7–9 p.m.

Tuesday 14

August Cookout Picnic: JCC. Join the J's Lunch and Learn program for a series of summer cookouts. Spend your lunch break at the J and enjoy the warm weather with classic summer picnic foods. Menu and registration information at www.jccannarbor.org. Advance registration required. For additional information, contact rachaelhoffenblum@jccannarbor.org. Noon–1 p.m.

Yidish tish (Yiddish Conversational Group). 1:30 p.m. *See first Tuesday of month.*

Tea and Torah on Tuesday—for Women: Chabad. 8 p.m. *See first Tuesday of month.*

Wednesday 15

Theology Book Club: BIC. 8 p.m.

Thursday 16

Third Thursday @ the J: JCC. Enjoy this month's unique and engaging presentation at the J. Visit www.jccannarbor.org for information about upcoming speakers and events. For information, contact Rachael at rachaelhoffenblum@jccannarbor.org or by phone at (734) 971-0990. Noon–1 p.m.

Brotherhood Guys' Night Out: TBE. 6–9 p.m.

Talmud–Jewish Civil Law: Chabad. See first Thursday of month for details. 8 p.m. *Thursdays.*

Friday 17

Shalom Gever (Jewish Karate): TBE. 4–5 p.m.

Family Shabbat Services: TBE. Tot Shabbat from 5:45–6:15 p.m. Step Up Shabbat from 5:45–6:15 p.m. Tot Shabbat Dinner from 6:15–6:45 p.m. Shira from 6:45–7:15 p.m. Summer Service from 7:30–9 p.m.

Shabbat in the Park: BIC. 6 p.m.

Friday evening services: *See listing at the end of the calendar.*

Saturday 18

Shabbat services: *See listing at the end of the calendar.*

Sunday 19

Tanya–Jewish Mysticism: Chabad. Delve into the basic text of Chassidim and discover the beauty and depth of Judaism. 10:30–11:30 a.m. *Sundays.*

The Ins and Outs of Medicare: BIC and JFS. At BIC, presented by JFS. 7:30 p.m.

Monday 20

Tuesday 21

Yidish tish (Yiddish Conversational Group). *See first Tuesday of month.*

Tea and Torah on Tuesday—for Women: Chabad. 8 p.m. *See first Tuesday of month.*

Wednesday 22

Theology Book Club: BIC. 8 p.m.

Thursday 23

Men's Talmud Study: TBE. 7:30–9:30 p.m.

Talmud–Jewish Civil Law: Chabad. See first Thursday of month for details. 8 p.m. *Thursdays.*

Friday 24

Shalom Gever (Jewish Karate): TBE. 4–5 p.m.

Family Shabbat Services: TBE. Tot Shabbat from 5:45–6:15 p.m. Step Up Shabbat from 5:45–6:15 p.m. Tot Shabbat Dinner from 6:15–6:45 p.m. Shira from 6:45–7:15 p.m. Summer Service from 7:30–9 p.m.

Relaxation Shabbat with BBQ and Barchu: BIC. 6 p.m.

Friday evening services: *See listing at the end of the calendar.*

Saturday 25

Tot Shabbat: BIC. 11:15 a.m.

Shabbat services: *See listing at the end of the calendar.*

Sunday 26

Family Day: BIC. At the BIC Garden. 10 a.m.

Tanya–Jewish Mysticism: Chabad. Delve into the basic text of Chassidim and discover the beauty and depth of Judaism. 10:30–11:30 a.m. *Sundays.*

Shalom Gever (Jewish Karate): TBE. 4–5 p.m.

Family Shabbat Services: TBE. Tot Shabbat from 5:45–6:15 p.m. Step Up Shabbat from 5:45–6:15 p.m. Tot Shabbat Dinner from 6:15–6:45 p.m. Shira from 6:45–7:15 p.m. Summer Service from 7:30–9 p.m.

Monday 27

Tuesday 28

Yidish tish (Yiddish Conversational Group). *See first Tuesday of month.*

Tea and Torah on Tuesday—for Women: Chabad. 8 p.m. *See first Tuesday of month.*

Wednesday 29

Theology Book Club: BIC. 8 p.m.

Thursday 30

Talmud–Jewish Civil Law: Chabad. See first Thursday of month for details. 8 p.m. *Thursdays.*

Friday 31

Friday evening services: *See listing at the end of the calendar.*

Weekly Friday night Shabbat services

Shabbat Service: AAOM. Services held at UM Hillel. Call (734) 994-9258 in advance to confirm time.

Shabbat Service: BIC. 6 p.m.

Shabbat Service: TBE. Tot Shabbat at 6 p.m., followed by tot dinner. Traditional Service at 7:30 p.m. Once a month Middle School Service at 7:30 p.m. For information, call (734) 665-4744.

Shabbat Service: AARC. Every fourth Friday at the JCC. Tot Shabbat from 5:45–6:15 p.m. Pizza for the little ones at 6:15 p.m. Service at 6:30 p.m., followed by vegetarian potluck at 8 p.m. Childcare during service. All are welcome to attend. For information, email info@aarecon.org, phone (734) 445-1910, or visit www.aarecon.org.

Shabbat Service: Chabad. Begins at candle lighting time. Home hospitality available for Shabbat meals and Jewish holidays. Call (734) 995-3276 in advance.

Weekly Shabbat services

Shabbat Services: AAOM. Morning service, 9:30 a.m. Evening service, 35 minutes before sunset. Call (734) 662-5805 for information. Mincha/Ma'ariv with Seudah Shlisheet and Dvar Torah every week. Torah topics and a bite to eat. Discussions led by Rabbi Rod Glogower and other local scholars. Home hospitality available for Shabbat meals. UM Hillel.

Shabbat Services: BIC. 9:30 a.m. For other service times, visit www.bethisrael-aa.org.

Shabbat Services: AARC. Second Saturday of each month at the JCC. 10 a.m. Ta-Shma/Come and Learn. Service begins at 10:30 a.m. Traditional liturgy with music, chanting and contemporary readings and discussion. For information, email info@aarecon.org, phone (734) 445-1910, or visit www.aarecon.org.

Shabbat Services: Chabad. Friday night services at Shabbat candle lighting time. Saturday morning services at 9:45 a.m. Afternoon services 45 minutes before sundown. Call (734) 995-3276 for Home Hospitality and Meals for Shabbat and Jewish Holidays.

Shabbat Services: Pardes Hannah. Generally meets the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month. Call (734) 663-4039 for more information. 10 a.m. Led by Rabbi Elliot Ginsburg.

Shabbat Services: TBE. Torah Study at 8:50 a.m. Morning Minyan with Rabbi Josh Whinston and Cantor Regina Lambert-Hayut at 9:30 a.m. Sanctuary Service at 10 a.m. most weeks. Call the office at (734) 665-4744 or consult website at www.templebethemeth.org for service details.

Home Hospitality for Shabbat and Holiday Meals: AAOM. Call (734) 662-5805 in advance.

Home Hospitality and Meals: Chabad. Every Shabbat and Holiday. Call (734) 995-3276 in advance.

Phone numbers and addresses of organizations frequently listed in the calendar:

Ann Arbor Orthodox Minyan (AAOM)
1429 Hill Street 994-5822

Ann Arbor Reconstructionist Congregation
2935 Birch Hollow Drive 913-9705

Beth Israel Congregation (BIC)
2000 Washtenaw Ave. 665-9897

Chabad House
715 Hill Street 995-3276

Jewish Community Center (JCC)
2935 Birch Hollow Drive 971-0990

Jewish Cultural Society (JCS)
2935 Birch Hollow Drive 975-9872

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2245 South State Street 769-0209

Jewish Federation
2939 Birch Hollow Drive 677-0100

Pardes Hannah
2010 Washtenaw Ave. 761-5324

Temple Beth Emeth (TBE)
2309 Packard Road 665-4744

UM Hillel
1429 Hill Street 769-0500

Shabbat Candlelighting

June 1	8:44 pm
June 8	8:49 pm
June 15	8:53 pm
June 22	8:55 pm
June 29	8:55 pm
July 6	8:17 pm
July 13	8:50 pm
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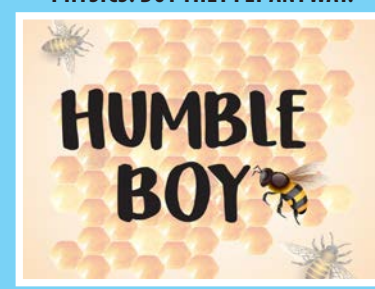

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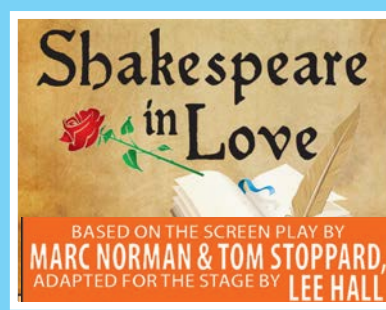

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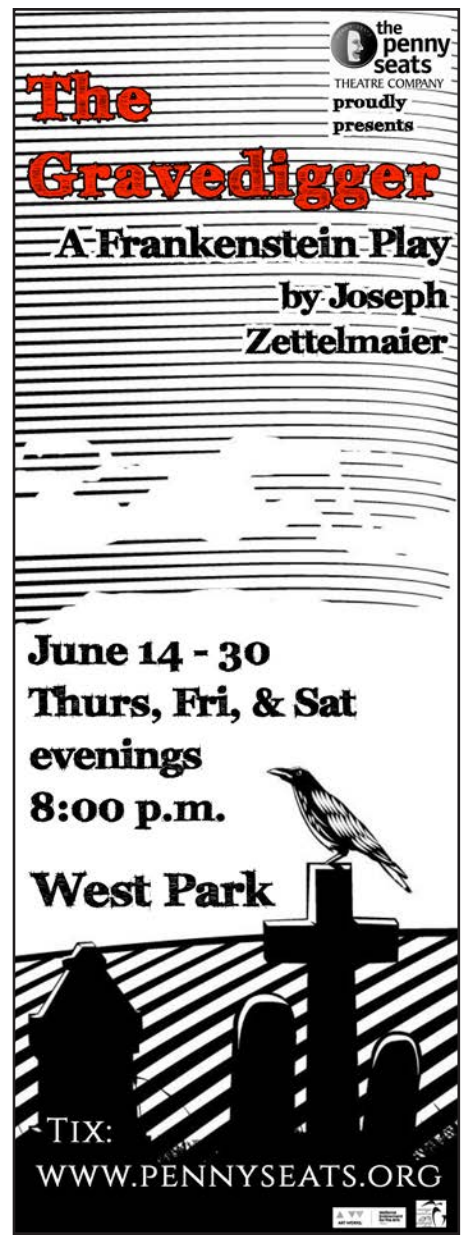

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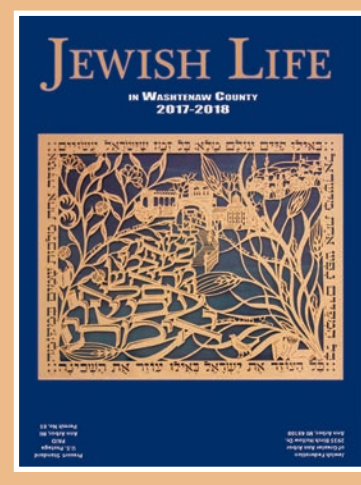

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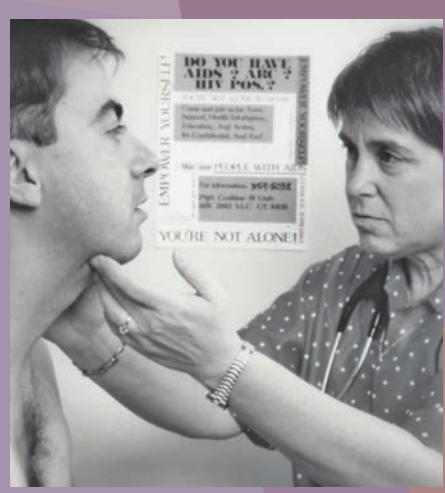

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Joseph Schwalb on his bar mitzvah, June 16.
Jonas Cook on his bar mitzvah, Saturday, June 23.
Noam Robinovitz on his bar mitzvah, Saturday, June 30.
Michelle Mobius on her bat mitzvah, Saturday, August 4.
Elizabeth Strumba on her bat mitzvah, August 11.
Zachary Greenberg on his bar mitzvah, August 18.
Julia Sitz on her bat mitzvah, Saturday, August 25.
Marc Lipoff and Jessica Billig on the birth of their son, Asher Noah Lipoff.
Maya and Daniel Stern on the birth of their daughter, Sadie Rose Stern, also granddaughter of Amy and Uri Lavi and great granddaughter of Eileen and Saul Hymans.

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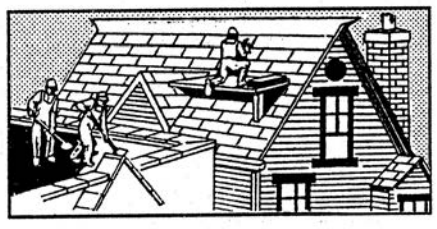

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